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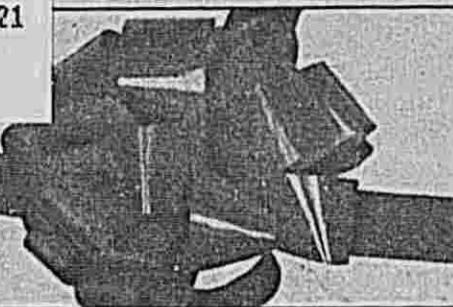
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Libraries, schools join forces

By Tara Clifton
Staff Reporter

In this age, knowing how to easily access information is vital. Local libraries and schools partnered in a new project in the hopes they can help young people learn how to find out about the world around them.

The Antioch Public Library, Lake Villa Public Library, school district 34, Antioch Community High School, Lakes Community High School and other libraries and schools have joined to offer programs that will teach teenagers the importance of reading and grant them opportunities to discover library resources.

Each library partner was granted \$1,000 to purchase materials for the project, totaling a \$50,000 grant offered from Secretary of State Jesse White.

"Teens are sometimes over-

looked," said Randee Hudson, coordinator of the 18 schools and libraries involved. "We want to make sure they know they'll find enthusiastic librarians and teachers to help them."

Libraries will hold workshops, book discussions and purchase materials to enhance ease of access to information, Hudson said.

Librarians want to make sure that as teenagers advance from middle school, to high school and college they know how to browse through information to get what they need, Hudson said.

"We want them to know there are people to help them through this," she said.

And hopefully young adults will learn to appreciate reading, which many already do, said Marylou Stampfl, director of library media services at Lakes Community High School.

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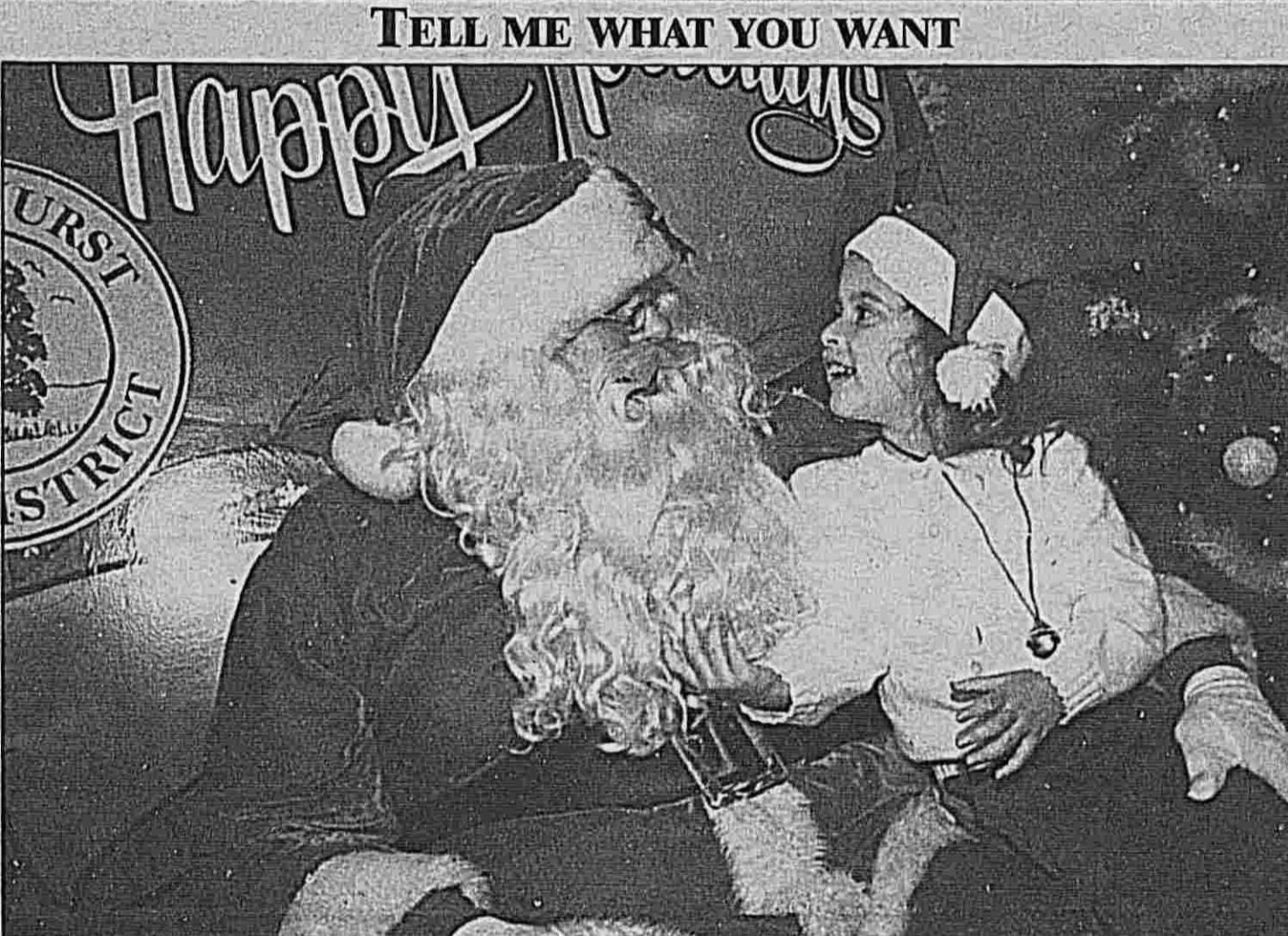


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Serena Mielke, 4, of Lindenhurst goes over her Christmas list with Santa following a tree lighting ceremony at the Lindenhurst Park District Community Center. At the top of her list are American Girl dolls and accessories.

New Web site puts spotlight on local area bands

By Tara Clifton
Staff Reporter

Inner Surge, Blue Menagerie. Don't recognize these local bands? William Corey hopes that one day, they and other groups will not only be known across the county, but possibly nationwide.

Only two weeks old, Corey's new Antioch-based Internet radio station, www.cttracks.com, aims to be the gathering place for music diehards, featuring mp3 downloads, album and concert reviews, discussion groups and more. Bands can sign up for a free membership to post their links, music tracks and

have their material played on the air.

Corey, 36, said he wants his station to be an outlet for bands that wouldn't have a chance to get exposure otherwise.

"It would be so nice to hear something not hyped up by big labels or advertised on TV," Corey said. "It would be nice if there was equal opportunity for people who don't have money to get signed. We want to give them an avenue to get noticed."

Corey understands this firsthand. Music has been a part of his life since high school, where he played trumpet. He has played guitar for 19 years, and was a member of local band "Swim" for three years.

Right now he is in a group called "View From a Speeding Train," where he does vocals and guitar. He and his two bandmates hope to have a CD out by February, and have used the new Internet site to showcase their work.

Other bands seem to be doing this as well. Corey said the site received 2,873 hits last week, and about 10 bands have asked to be featured.

But the site is still in the works. Only two band reviews have been written so far, and the forums hold only several messages.

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Duncan, 11, takes ACHS classes

By Tara Clifton
Staff Reporter

Danny Duncan, 11, has always learned pretty quickly, said his mother, Cindy.

The sixth-grader at Milburn School taught himself to read at age 3, Cindy said. His favorite author was Mark Twain. And math and science always came easily to him.

So the fact that Danny takes honors classes at Antioch Community High School, is a member of the school's math team, and is on his way to Taiwan soon as a Young Physics Ambassador for the American Association of Physics Teachers come as no surprise to his parents.

"It's very interesting to see people's reactions to all this," Cindy said. "For us it's normal, and it's weird to

see that outside the family he's considered different."

Danny is in his second year of classes at ACHS, this year taking honors chemistry, algebra II and world civilization.

Danny attends ACHS classes in the morning and returns to Milburn in the afternoon, said Jim McKay, assistant principal of ACHS. He stays at Milburn mostly to be able to keep in touch with friends his own age.

When Danny was in fifth grade, his standardized test scores led Milburn officials to offer him the opportunity to take classes at ACHS, he said.

"I was glad," Danny said. "I wasn't learning very much."

He took honors geometry and physics last school year, McKay said. And along with getting used to high

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Hand crafted with care

By Tara Clifton
Staff Reporter

Kim Connelly came from a family of artists, but she never considered herself artistic.

"I thought I was gypped on that gene," Connelly joked.

But a trip to California led to a discovery that proved her wrong.

A little over a year ago, Connelly and her husband traveled to California, their first adventure without their two children, ages five and six.

The couple was shopping when some jewelry caught her eye, Connelly said. She wondered if she could make something like that, so when she got home, she gave it a shot.

It turned out she was pretty crafty after all.

From that vacation Ludowise Hand-Crafted Jewelry was born. Connelly started out by making jewelry mostly for family and friends, but the business is growing.

From the end of October until now, Connelly said she has had 70 to 75 orders and participated in six events, which range from home jewelry parties to craft fairs and fundraisers.

Connelly will exhibit her merchandise from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 17 at Remembering When Scrapbooking at 1482 N. Route 83, or Main Street.

Connelly creates earrings, necklaces, bracelets and anklets from a variety of beads,



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stones and wires. If she is artistically inspired, Connelly can string together a piece of jewelry in 15 minutes. For custom-ordered pieces, she can have an item done in about 45 minutes.

Either way, Connelly said she feels blessed she has found something that fulfills her.

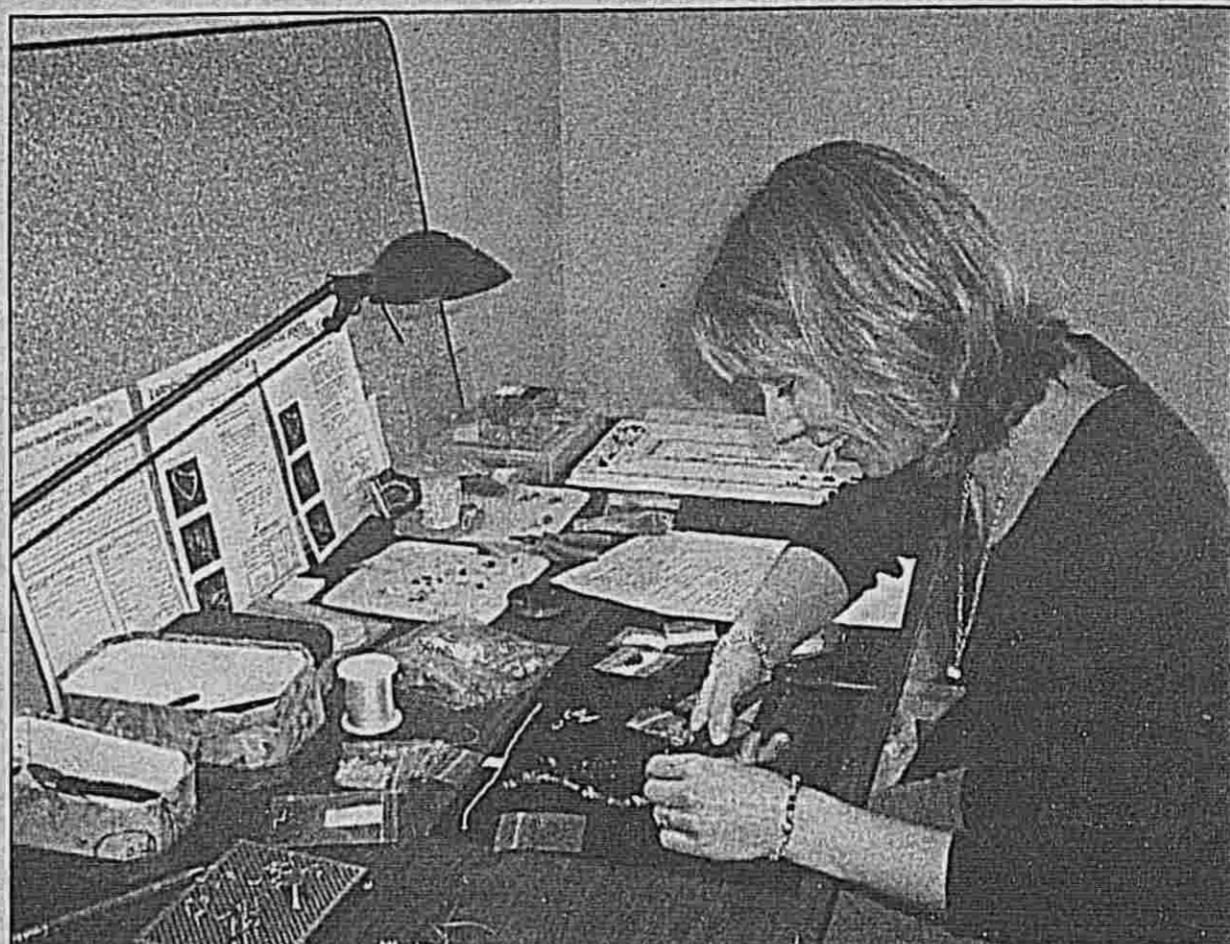
"It's so much fun," she said. "It's my creative outlet and my girly thing" with living with a husband and two sons.

As her children grew older, they became less demanding, and Connelly said she wondered how she was going to fill her growing free time.

"I was getting that stay-at-home mom itch, and this fell into my lap and it's perfect," she said.

Connelly said she can work on jewelry when her children are playing or sleeping. And she keeps a relaxed attitude while on the job.

"It's a fun, comfortable thing with no pressure," Connelly said. She said she rarely gives sales pitches, preferring that customers shop at their own pace.



Kim Connelly created Ludowise Hand-Crafted Jewelry after being inspired by a similar store on a vacation to California.

She works mostly through home parties, very similar to Mary Kay events.

The parties range in size, and the women "feed off each other" making Connelly's job very easy, she said. Once one woman tries on a necklace or bracelet, the others want it, too.

"It doesn't feel like a business to me," she said. "It's just what I do, and it's fun to be able

to share it with people."

Being able to have fun while making money isn't bad at all, though, Connelly joked.

For more information you can contact Kim Connelly by e-mail at kim@ludowise.com or call 847-838-2311.

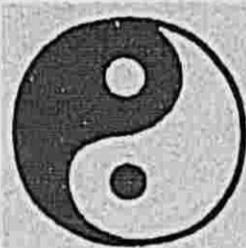
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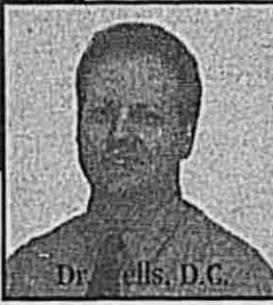
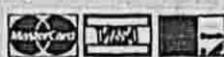
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If things get better with age, this woman has lots to celebrate

Libertyville manor resident turns 105

By **Rebecca Klugiewicz**

Staff Reporter

Ida Kufalk has a lot to celebrate. Last Friday was her 105th birthday. She celebrated with friends, family members and former students at Libertyville Manor, a nursing home.

She was born on Dec. 9, 1900 in Salem, Wis. to Robert and Alma Runyard. The eldest of three children, she lived on a farm on Route 59. The nearest school was about three miles away and she couldn't attend until she was six or seven. Her parents were afraid of wolves in the area, so she had to wait until her brother was old enough to go with her. She eventually attended Antioch High School, graduating in 1919 as a member of the first class to spend all four years at the school.

She received her teaching certificate following a six-week summer college course in DeKalb and taught at schools Millburn, Antioch, Grass Lake and Channel Lake from 1919 to 1926 and again from 1944 until her retirement in 1962. She taught grades one through eight at different times and instructed in all subjects.

Her break in the middle of her teaching career was because of marriage. In 1927 she married Roy Kufalk. He worked as the postmaster in Antioch until he retired in 1965. He died in 1977. Their son Bob was born in 1929 and daughter Verna was born in 1931. Verna died of cancer several years ago, but her widower Don still visits often. "He takes care of me now. I couldn't get along without him," Kufalk said.

Her son Bob also continues to visit. He said his mother has a positive attitude and is an amazing person. "I think really the fondest thing is how well she aged," he said. She is without major health problems and still walks on her own, usually refusing to use a wheelchair. Janelle



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Ida Kufalk blows out the candles on her cake for her 105th birthday with the help of Libertyville Manor Activities Director Maria Hristoforatos and children from the nursing facility's adjacent Young at Heart day care center. Kufalk has lived most of her life in the Antioch area.

Thomas, the unit supervisor at the nursing home, said Kufalk is a joy to work with. "She has an absolutely wonderful, rare appreciation for life," she said.

The secret to Kufalk's long life is hard work. "Nobody could have worked harder than me," she said. Jen Holem, Kufalk's great-granddaughter, is amazed by her grandmother. "She's still so sharp at 105," she said. Kufalk has eight grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Kufalk loves history, particularly regarding presidents. William McKinley was the president of the United States when she was born. The first president she remembers as a child was Woodrow Wilson. She said people knew little about national government because there were no televisions. "At that time we didn't

know what was going on," she said.

She is an avid reader, going through stacks of books. She especially likes books about presidents and biographies. Reading the newspaper is part of her daily routine. A huge Chicago Cubs fan, she misses her favorite player. "I liked them when Sammy Sosa was there. I miss Sammy." Kufalk also enjoys "The Price is Right," jelly beans and loves it when her friends and family members visit.

Determined to spend her 99th birthday in her home, she moved into Libertyville Manor from Antioch the day after that birthday. "The people here are so nice," she said. She is still a member of United Methodist Church in Antioch.

Since she moved in, Libertyville Manor has given her a birthday party

each year. This year, former student Marge Holem of McHenry joined in on the festivities. Kufalk taught Holem in fifth grade. She said her teacher was strict but good at what she did. "We always paid attention in her class," she said. Her mother and aunt, identical twins, were also taught by Kufalk. "She used to put a pink ribbon and a blue ribbon on them to tell them apart and they'd switch the ribbons," she said. Kufalk still remembers those students, so many years later.

Although Kufalk said she never planned on living so long, her great-granddaughter is not surprised. "I've always said since I was a little girl she would outlive all of us," Holem said.

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Fire Department wants you to stay safe

The Antioch Fire Department wants community members to stay safe during the cold months.

Keeping fire hydrants, access routes and address markings clear of snow is imperative to enable rescue workers to provide immediate emergency assistance. Fire officials ask residents to sweep snow away from these important markers, keeping an area of about four feet clear around fire hydrants.

Safety needs to be kept in mind when shoveling snow: Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning, drink plenty of water during work, and dress in layers. Warm up muscles before shoveling and make sure to pick the right shovel for you.

Road safety is also a top concern. Before driving, clear all snow and ice from vehicle windows, including front and rear lights. Drive slowly, making sure to avoid quick stops, starts and turns. Keep a distance from the vehicle in front of you, and watch out for icy intersections, hills and curves.

If your vehicle slides on a patch of ice, press firmly on the brake if you have an anti-lock braking system. If you don't have ABS, brake firmly until a point just short of lock-up, then ease off slightly. And always remember to buckle up.

For more information, call the Antioch Fire Department at 847-395-5511.



OUR TOWN

Tara Clifton

Showing heart for the holidays

Residents of Antioch and Lake County are doing many good things, and they deserve some recognition for their hard work and dedication. Without further ado:

Culver's restaurants and community members deserve a huge pat on the back. Because of the efforts of residents and Culver's, more low-income families will be able to stay warmer this winter than they would have otherwise. The third-annual Day of Warmth raised \$3,300 for those in need in Lake County, said a Culver's spokeswoman. Eight restaurants participated, located in Gurnee, Buffalo Grove, Antioch, Grayslake, Island Lake, Lake Zurich, Libertyville and Zion. Statewide, more than \$26,000 was raised. Funds were garnered via canister donations at the restaurants and through a percentage of sales on Nov. 15. The Day of Warmth event, seeking to help those who can't afford the cost of heat, included 14 states, raising a total of \$250,000. Amazing work!

Congratulations go out to Elizabeth C. Whitehurst, an Antioch Community High School class of 2004 graduate. Elizabeth was inducted into the Colgate University Class of 2008 chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic honorary society. The organization recognizes first-year college students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Elizabeth is now a sophomore at Colgate, in Hamilton, N.Y. She was honored with 243 other society members, at a banquet in November. Her parents, John S. and Susan A. Whitehurst of Lake Villa, should be very proud of their daughter.

The top award for Antioch's Holiday Lights this year goes out to dwellers of The Arbors of Windmill Creek, said Barbara Porch, chamber president and village board member. "There were many houses in there that were just delightful," Porch said of the neighborhood's Christmas lights displays. "They certainly deserve bragging rights," which is the contest prize. Other neighborhoods worthy of mention were Pine Hill Lakes, Heron Harbor and the homes along Plum Tree Street near Jewel Osco. Five neighborhoods participated in the annual contest. For a highly enjoyable holiday family outing, take the kids for a drive through these neighborhoods. They'll get a kick out of the creative light displays.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Tara Clifton at 847-223-8161, ext. 131 or e-mail, tclifton@lakelandmedia.com

District 34 conducts self-evaluation

By **Tara Clifton**

Staff Reporter

People often say there is always room for self-improvement, but Antioch School District 34 board members have taken this saying to heart.

Board members conducted a self-evaluation to create goals that will help improve communication between board members and

administration officials, said Scott Thompson, superintendent of the district.

The evaluation also aimed to help board members work better as a team.

"You want to make sure when you spend time together you don't get caught up in minutia," Thompson said, "and strive to work as a team."

The evaluation came in the form of a survey the Illinois Association of School Boards offered, called the Board Governance Review. A representative came to administer the survey, and afterwards the results were discussed, a process that took roughly two to three hours, Thompson said.

From there, goals were created that the board plans on implementing as soon as possible.

"This was a way for board members to grow professionally and gave them an opportunity to improve themselves," Thompson said.

The evaluation was made possible through a grant provided by the Illinois State Board of Education, said Gary Volling, board vice president. The grant was awarded to help District 34 and other schools improve their efficiency.

After compiling the evaluation's results, board members assembled three goals, Volling said.

'This was a way for board members to grow professionally and gave them an opportunity to improve themselves.'

Scott Thompson
Superintendent of the district

bers arrive, an orientation is needed to familiarize them with procedures, Volling said. This is especially close to home for board members because many of them have not been members for very long. Volling himself has only been a member for two years, he said.

The board also hopes to examine policies and make sure the district is following them, Volling said.

Board members also want to make administration job requirements more clear, so officials know what the board expects of them, Volling said.

The first and third goals will be implemented the next time new staff and board members arrive.

"These things are not a real problem," Volling said. "But we want to make sure our expectations are in line, that we're all on the same page. We want to make sure we're continually improving."

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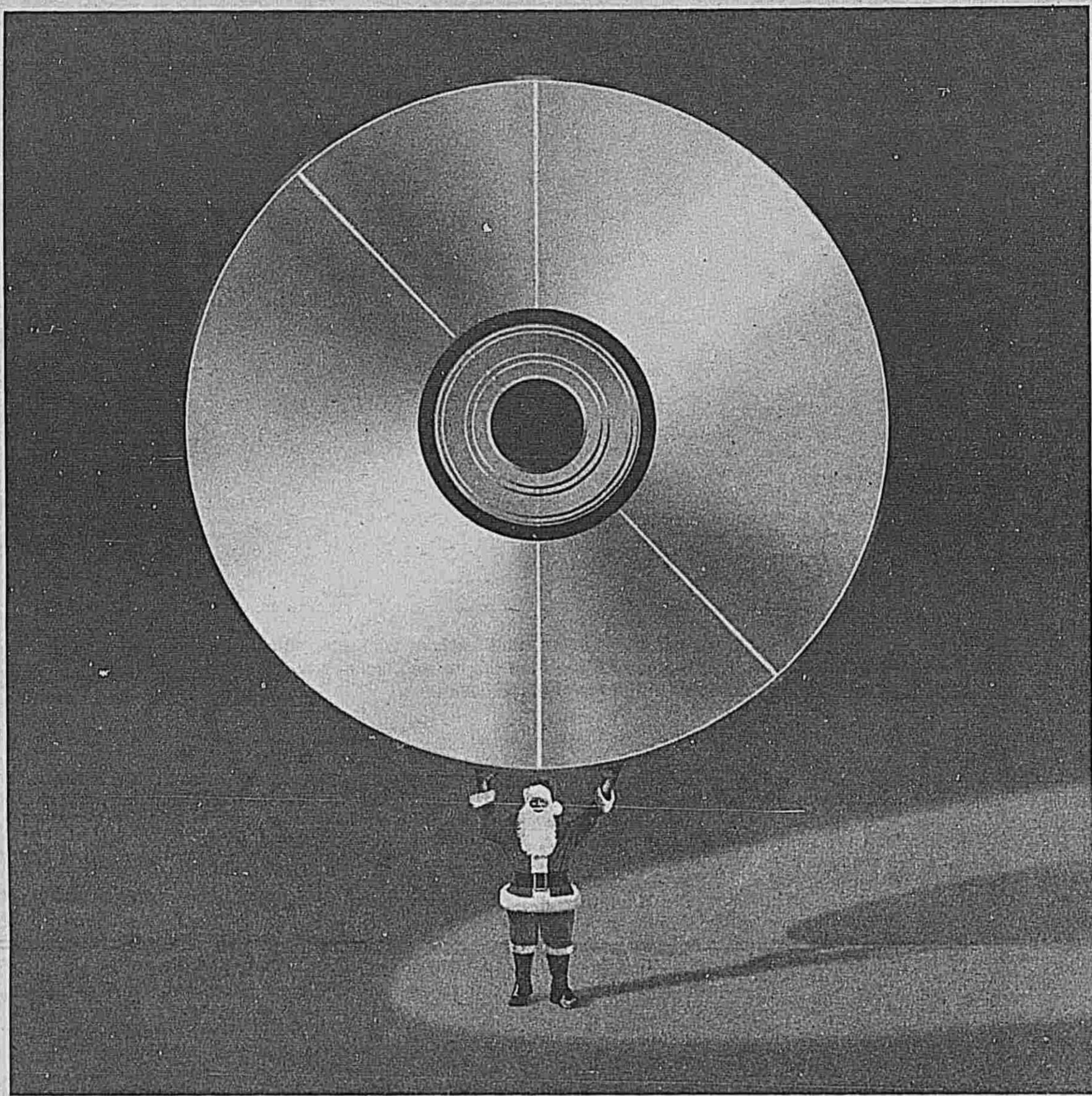
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POLICEBEAT

LAKE VILLA

Hit and run

Keith G. Kruzel, 19, of 21411 N. Brentwood, Round Lake Beach, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 6, at 5:10 p.m., following an accident involving his black 1989 Toyota Corolla on the 200 block of E. Grand Avenue. At 3:06 p.m. that day, a couple arrived home to find skid marks from the road to the house, as well as damage to a meter box. The suspect and his vehicle were located at Butera. The car had damage consistent with an accident. At first, the driver denied the accident, then, when confronted with evidence, admitted hitting the house. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure to leave information and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released pending appearance in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

No valid driver's license

Jessica F. Martinez, 18, of 151 E. Grand Ave., Lake Villa, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Nov. 29, at 3:51 p.m., while driving westbound on Route 132 near Oak Lane. She was observed crossing over the fog line. She was charged with improper lane use, no valid driver's license and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. She was served a notice to appear in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Driving with a suspended license

Steven M. Vaughn, 27, of 160 Rose Tree

Lane, Lindenhurst, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 5, at 8:22 p.m., while driving a silver 2005 Dodge Magnum northbound on Route 83 near the Petite Lake Road bridge. He had no license and said he was driving on a ticket for DUI. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. He was served a notice to appear in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Edwin J. Quest, 26, of 16165 W. route 173, Zion, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 1, at 1:52 a.m., while driving a green 1993 Plymouth Sundance northbound on Route 83 near the Petite Lake Road bridge. He was charged with improper lighting and driving with a suspended license. He was served a notice to appear in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Theft

Between 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8:40 a.m. on Dec. 8, six boxes of flowers, valued at about \$500, were stolen from outside of Laura's Flower Shop at 300 N. Milwaukee Avenue. The flowers had been left outside to keep them fresh.

LINDENHURST

No valid driver's license

Raphael C. Valenzuela, 33, of 1800 Fayette Walk, Hoffman estates, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 2, at 1:54 a.m., while driving a black 2001 BMW SUV eastbound on Route 132 near Route 45. He was observed crossing the lane divider. He was charged with improper lane use and driving

with no valid driver's license. He was released on a \$1,000 bond pending appearance in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Driving with a suspended license

Marie A. Kohler, 61, of 582 Phillips Circle, Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 3, at 2:29 p.m., while driving a blue 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier eastbound on Route 132 near Route 45. The front plate was for a Mazda, while the back plate was a temporary license for the Chevrolet. The driver's license had been suspended three times for bail violations. She was charged with improper display of registration, failure to wear a seat belt,

driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license. She was released on a \$2,000 bond pending appearance in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Jayne T. Inman, 21, of 10211 80th Place, Pleasant Prairie, Wis., was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 3, at 12:07 a.m., while in a silver 1997 Chevrolet Camaro in the parking lot of Floor Décor, at 1870 E. Grand Ave. The driver had an accident in the parking lot. Police found his license had been suspended in Wisconsin. He was charged with failure to yield and driving with a suspended license. He was released on a \$1,000 bond pending appearance in Round Lake Beach Branch III court on Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

ANTIOCH

Derek R. Schleser, 21, of 2521 Hamilton in Lindenhurst is scheduled to appear in court at 9 a.m. Jan. 3 on charges of speeding, improper lane usage, no rear light, driving uninsured, driving under the influence and DUI with a blood alcohol content over the .08 legal limit.

Around 2:08 a.m. Dec. 8, at the intersection of Route 83 and Poplar in Antioch, police stopped Schleser, driving a green 1997 Cadillac Catera. Schleser's first breath test showed a BAC of .136.

Jesus J. Martinez, 31, 10320 264th Ave. in Trevor, Wis., is scheduled to appear in the Round Lake Beach Court at 9 a.m. Jan. 11. Police pulled over Martinez, driving a red 1988 Toyota truck, around 4:48 a.m. Dec. 7 at the intersection of Route 83 and Poplar. He was ticketed for having only one red brake light, driving without a valid driver's license and failure to signal.

Amanda L. Levine, 21, 33308 Bohner

in Burlington, Wis., will appear in the Grayslake court at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25 on charges of disobeying a traffic light and driving without a valid driver's license. Police stopped Levine around 12:41 p.m. Dec. 13 at the intersection of Route 83 and North Ave. Levine was arrested on released on a recognizance bond pending her court date.

LAKE VILLA

Daniel R. Gutierrez, 37, of 2361 N. Scott Court, Round Lake, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 8, at 3:42 a.m., while driving a lavender 1995 Dodge Neon southbound on Route 83 near Hampton Drive. The car appeared to have been in a recent accident, but the driver did not recall it. He failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .281 BAC. He was charged with DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond pending appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 6, at 9 a.m.

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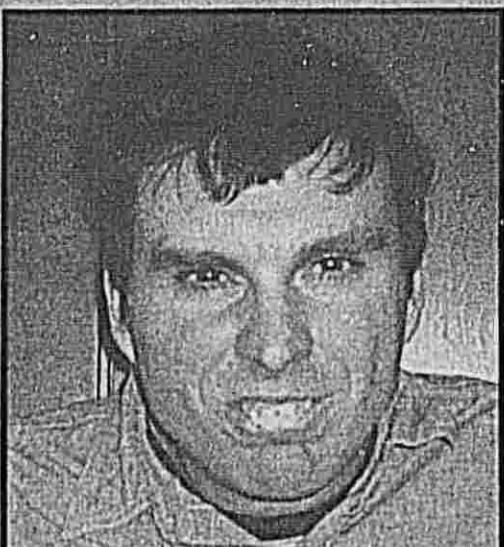
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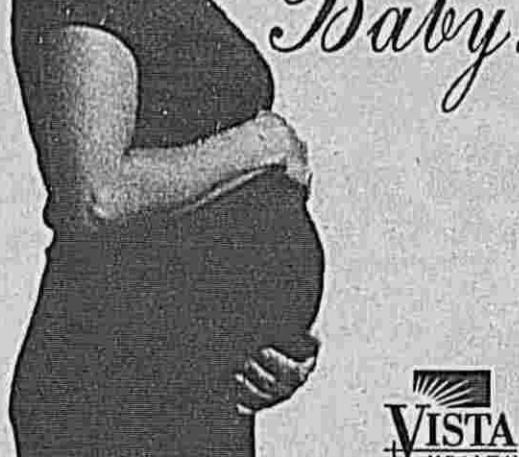
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**Cops, kids
shop 'til
they drop****By Tara Clifton
Staff Reporter**

Letting 45 kids with \$100 each loose in Wal-Mart may seem like a risky idea, but for Antioch police officers, it's a great way to have fun.

The Antioch Police Department's second annual Shop with a Cop program Dec. 21 will pair officers with children and their families to scour Wal-Mart for gifts and other items.

Police have asked officials in school district 34 to find families who could use a little extra help this holiday season to participate.

"We're looking for kids who don't even have a Christmas tree for Christmas," said Commander James Foerster of the Antioch Police Department.

The day will begin at the Antioch Police Department with pizza and soda, along with a tour of the station. Then the group will go to the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Antioch for their \$100 shopping extravaganza, with one officer per family, Foerster said.

The 45 participants will be split in half, with each half shopping at a different time, Foerster said.

Police officers enjoy spending time with the children's parents as much as the kids, Foerster said.

"It's a lot of fun walking around with the family," he said. Foerster participated in the program in Round Lake once. "And that's the fun part of it. They get to know us a bit and it breaks down barriers."

This year's program is sponsored by Raymond Chevrolet, Wal-Mart Supercenter of Antioch, the Antioch Rotary Club and the Antioch Fraternal Order of Police.

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SCHOOLNOTES**District 36**

The Antioch VFW will present Grass Lake School Junior High students with the American flag at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 19. The presentation will include an explanation of the flag's meaning. The students wrote letters to the VFW telling how they were learning about government and requested a new flag. The students will also receive an MIA flag.

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CALENDAR**Friday, December 16**

7:30 a.m., Lake Co. Chamber of Commerce net-workers group meets first and third Fridays at the Gurnee Hampton Inn. Call 847-249-3800 for information.

7 p.m., "A Way Out," an Alcoholics Anonymous group for gays, lesbians and straights, meets Fridays in Libertyville. Call (email) Linda West 847-735-1230 (Lwest1@yahoo.com) for details.

Saturday, December 17

1 p.m., Lake Co. Doll Collectors meet third Saturdays at Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets Saturdays in Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458 for details.

Sunday, December 18

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

7:30 p.m., Lake Co. Singles meet Sundays in Mundelein. Call hotline 847-604-1840 or visit www.lakecountysingles.net for details.

Monday, December 19

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held third Mondays at Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Coin Club meets third Mondays at the library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Contact JoAnne at 847-395-4738 for more details.

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at the Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

Community support group or women who are dealing with abuse in their homes meets Mondays in Antioch. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450 or 847-249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses Mondays at Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Please call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

Tuesday, December 20

7 p.m., Grass Lake Dist. #36 School Board meeting.

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service proj-

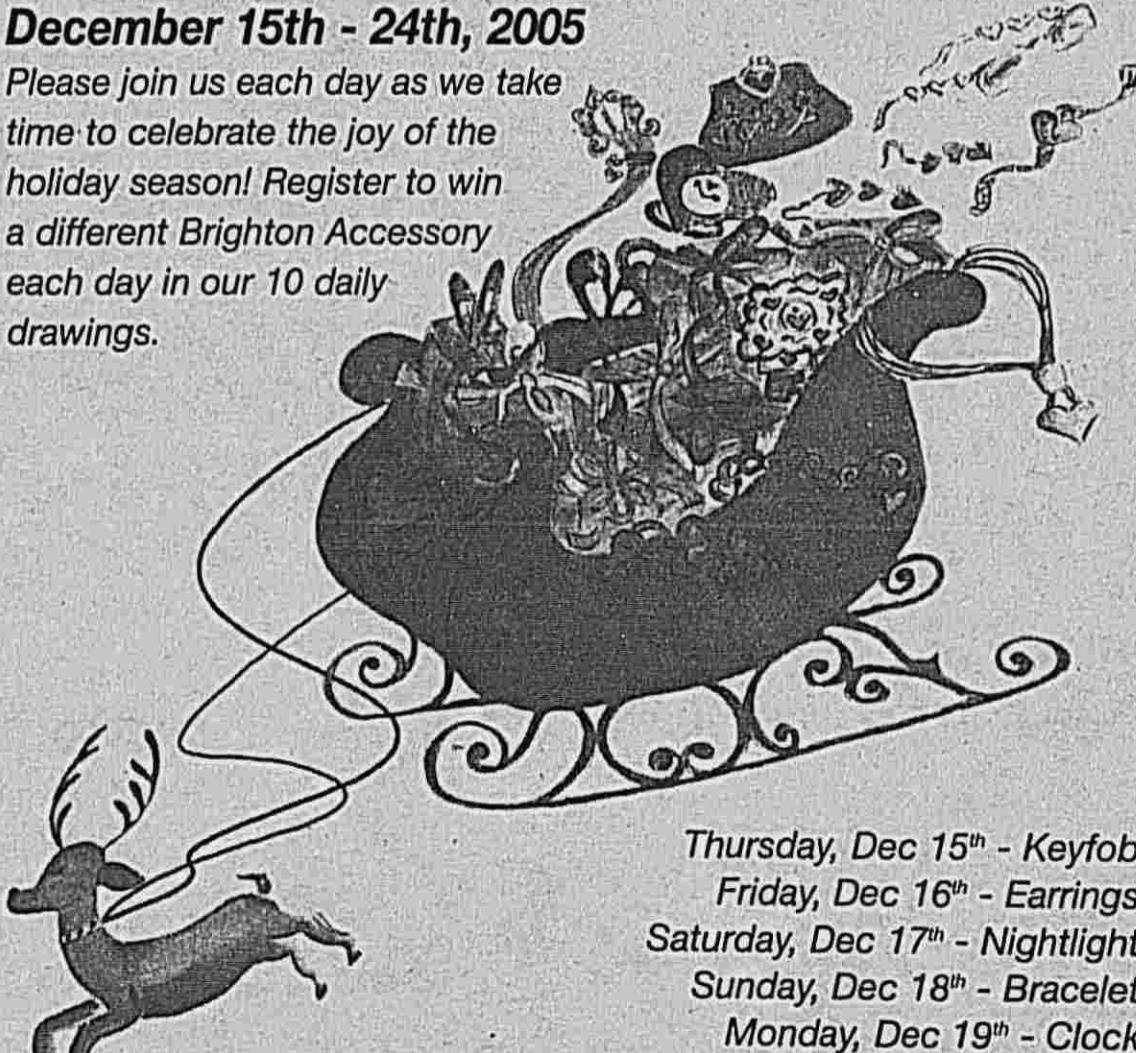
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Breakfast with Santa

St. Ignatius Church is hosting a pancake breakfast, featuring Santa, from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 17. Cost is \$4 per meal, and \$1 for a photo with Santa. The breakfast coincides with Parents' Day Out, held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are requested for this event. Children can be left at the church so parents can get Christmas shopping done. For more information, call 847-395-0652.

Santa's enchanted castle

Children can visit Santa in his enchanted castle on weekdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and on weekends from 1 to 4 p.m. until Dec. 23 at Toft Street in Antioch. Photos can be taken for a nominal fee. Call 847-395-2233 for more information.

Lakes Region Historical Society

The society's two museums, the Old School House and the Meeting House are open to the public. The Meeting House, at 977 Main St., hosts a variety of exhibits on local and military history. It is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. Admission is free. The Old School House, at the intersection of Main Street and Depot Street, is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday. No cost to visit. Both museums are closed from January to March.

Call for more information or to set up a tour group at 847-395-1685.

Sounds of the season

Westosha Central High School's Cafetorium will be ringing with the sounds of Christmas tunes during the music department's annual Christmas concert.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, 24617 75th Street in Salem, Wis. Admission costs an item of non-perishable food for the Sharing Center or Toys for Tots.

The symphonic, concert and jazz bands will perform and the concert will end with a sing-along. For more information, call 262-843-2321.

Handel's 'Messiah'

The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" will be the main focus of the Antioch Community Chorus concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 557 Lake Street in Antioch.

Featured soloists will be soprano Ami Bouterse of Kenosha, alto Cynthia Mace of Lake Forest, tenor Ken Smouse of Antioch and bass Ben LeClair of Chicago.

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LIBRARY

COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN SALEM

Snow Party at the Community Library

The Community Library in Silver Lake, Wis., 319 E. Lake St., is planning a Snow Party on Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Come and celebrate the winter season with stories, activities, crafts and a snack. Children ages 2 to 5 years old are invited. Registration is required. For more information, call 262-889-4606.

Community Library to hold teen movie night

The Community Library in Silver Lake, Wis., 319 E. Lake St., will be hosting a Snow Party on Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Come and celebrate the winter season with stories, activities, crafts and a snack. Children ages 2 to 5 years old are invited. Registration is required. For more information, call 262-889-4606.

Teen Afternoon at the movies

The Community Library at Salem, 24615 89th Street, will be hosting a "teen afternoon at the movies" during the holiday break. Come and spend a relaxing afternoon on Dec. 27, at 3 p.m., enjoying a newly-released DVD and a snack at the library. Teens are welcome. Registration is not required. For more information, call 262-843-3348.

SONS AND THEIR SNOWMEN



Cindy Van Patten of Antioch helps her sons David, 5, and Samuel, 8, with their snowman crafts at the Antioch District Public Library.

PARKS

ANTIOCH PARKS DEPARTMENT

Register for all classes at least one week before start date to avoid cancellation of class.

Call the parks office at 847-395-2160 for more information on the classes listed or stop by its office at 806 Holbek Dr., Antioch, for a detailed brochure.

Shotokan Karate

Many Shotokan Karate classes are available for children beginning at age 3 all the way up to adults. Classes offered: Lil' Dragons (3-5 years), Lil' Tigers (5-8 years), Beginner/Intermediate 1 and 2, Advanced Mixed, Adult Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced Class, Beginning Kobudo, and Cardio-Kickboxing.

Shotokan Karate has moved to the Antioch Bowling Alley on Route 173. Call 847-295-2160, 847-395-5425 or 847-302-5425 for more information on specific days, times and fees.

Sports camp for kids

Antioch Parks and Recreation and 5-star sports will be offering a Sports Camp for kids (1st to 6th graders) during winter break. Trained coaches will help keep your kids active with a full schedule of sports and games.

Sports related movies would also be shown. Children should bring a sack lunch. Morning and afternoon snack will be provided. This camp will be held at the Parks Building and will be offered both weeks of winter break, Dec. 19 to 23, Monday to Friday and Dec. 27 to 30, Tuesday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fees for Antioch residents (60002) is \$26 per day or \$125 for the first week (five days) and \$100 for the second week (four days). Nonresidents fees will be \$30 per day or \$150 for the first week and \$120 for the second week.

Kid sports camp

Kids who are sports fans are welcome to join Sports Camp for Kids sponsored by the Antioch Parks and Recreation department. First through sixth graders can sign up to immerse themselves in sports for their entire winter break from school.

Children will be able to play a variety of sports, watch a sports-related movie and munch on morning and afternoon snacks. Kids should bring a sack lunch.

The camp will be held at the parks building and will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 19 through Dec. 23 and Dec. 27 through Dec. 30. Cost for Antioch residents is \$26 per day. Those outside Antioch will pay \$30 per day.

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A DAY TO MEET SANTA CLAUS



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(Top-left) Santa Claus asks a shy Cori Mohr, 2, what she would like for Christmas as her mother, Cheryl, holds her on Sunday morning at Grass Lake School in Antioch. Santa attended this year's pancake breakfast and craft show at the school.

(Top-right) Mara Geler, 2, cries on Santa's lap while being asked what she would like for Christmas on Sunday morning at Grass Lake School in Antioch.

(Bottom-left) Santa Claus asks Brenna Geler, 7, what she would like for Christmas. o

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FORCES

"A lot of them enjoy reading," Stampfl said. "They get very excited about it. There's a lot of good young adult literature out there, you just have to know about it."

A total of 249 Library Services and Technology Act grants were awarded statewide, totaling \$4 million. The money was awarded with the intent of enabling libraries to enhance their collections, strengthen community relationships, develop digital imaging projects and implement programs, such as this area's promotion of teen reading.

"It's important that libraries work together," Stampfl said. "We're part of a community

of a whole."

And the sooner young people learn how to navigate area libraries, the better, she said.

"Many end up living here, so it's important we're all doing the same thing to promote reading," Stampfl said.

And even if teenagers end up living elsewhere, librarians still have a duty to help them, Hudson said.

"They're the future and we need to meet their information needs," she said.

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SPOTLIGHT

However, the promise is evident. The site contains many links, enabling users to submit recommendations, news and more.

Corey tinkers with the site nearly every day, when he's not working his day job at a local hotel. "There's still a lot to do with the site," he said.

He's also looking for writers who are willing to work for free but able to share their passion for music. Visitors can post reviews also, as little or as often as they want.

Corey does have a small army, though. Along with several comrades, his roommate (who asked that her name not be used) co-

hosts the radio program with him, and will write reviews. Corey's friend Evan Jacob of Phoenix, Ariz., has already written several reviews.

Corey said he took several courses at College of Lake County about Internet design, and taught himself the basics of HTML programming. He hopes his efforts have paid off.

"We want to provide a place people can get familiar with many artists," Corey said. "It's a hub for everyone to enjoy music wherever they are."

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CLASSES

school classes, Danny and ACHS students became acquainted with each other.

"They really like him," McKay said. "They look at him like a little brother, but also with some intrigue."

And even though Danny can't compete on the ACHS math team because he is underaged, he still goes to practices and enjoys learning how to solve different problems with his teammates.

"They treat me like a normal kid," he said. "The kids are nice."

Cindy said Danny does all the normal "kid" things, such as playing video games religiously, going to Boy Scout meetings and obsessing over his Christmas wish list.

McKay, though, said he hopes ACHS students will learn something from Danny's unusual academic gifts.

"They can see it's OK to be an academic wizard," McKay said. "I can only hope his interest in academia rubs off on them."

Danny, however, is busy gearing up for his trip to Taiwan.

The American Association of Physics Teachers chose Danny as one of six winners of their Physics Talent Search, awarding the pre-college students with a trip to Taiwan for a scientific conference from Dec. 31 to Jan. 4, according to the AAPT Web site.

Danny excitedly described the activities awaiting him overseas, such as learning Taiwanese culture, conducting science experiments and learning calligraphy from a master of the art.

Danny, who has never been out of the country before, said he is looking forward to learning more.

"Every kid should get a chance to learn," he said. "It's something that fills up my mind and gives me joy."

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Heritage Lutheran Church, Heritage Lutheran, 630 N. Beck, Lindenhurst, (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch, Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

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St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9:11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am., Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

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For 20 years, John Edgell has constructed houses out of cookies, candy canes, chocolate and sprinkles of love. The 49-year-old Antioch resident builds elaborate gingerbread houses every holiday in hopes of brightening the lives of others. Hundreds of his homes have stood in area hospitals, orphanages and homes over the years. Some have been edible and some have not, but each one has been appreciated. Edgell currently has one of his larger houses set up at the Library Lane Senior Residence building in Grayslake, where he works as senior apartment maintenance supervisor. After months of gradual preparation, the home took several days to construct and decorate.

Here is an account of how the job was done.

The completed gingerbread house created by John Edgell at the Library Lane Senior Residence in Grayslake.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: It is 12:30 p.m. at Library Lane and the bare bones of Edgell's house are standing on a 8-by-6-foot table. The frame is made from pink foam with a space through the center so that a train may pass through. Decorations are everywhere, Christmas carols are playing and Edgell is working, working, working.

This house stands 8-feet high and already portions of it have been decorated. Red and green pieces of puffed rice edge the corners, candy canes have been mounted and frosting is flying. There are tiny "windows" displaying elves and rocking horses all around the

building and senior residence members are watching Edgell work his magic.

Though the architect used to build mostly edible gingerbread houses, one this size is not suited for eating of any kind, said Edgell. It will just last longer with a solid base, he said.

See GINGERBREAD pg. 3



Library Lane Senior Residence maintenance supervisor John Edgell continues work on his gingerbread house in the lobby of the residence.

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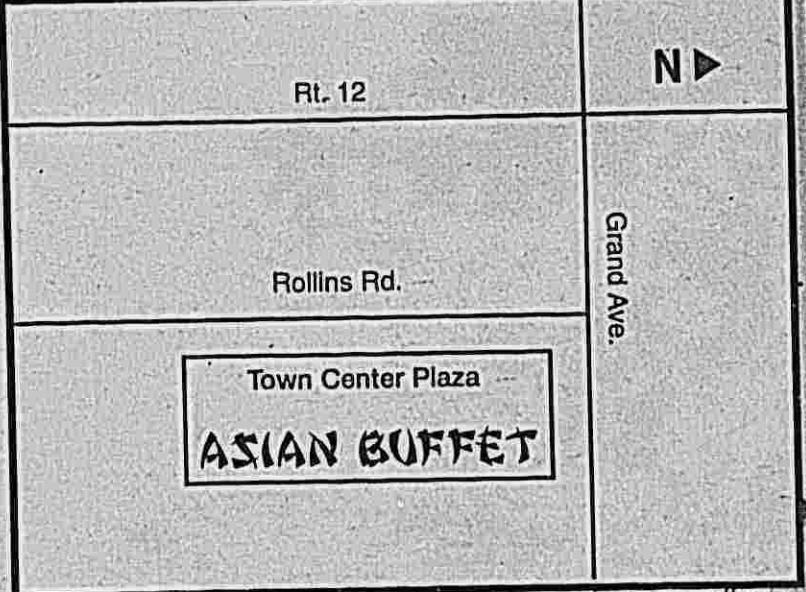
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Class focuses on learning the songs,

dances, lines and staging associated with the musical. Class attendance is mandatory and children will be required to attend special dress rehearsals during production week and perform in weekend shows.

Fees vary and are dependent on casting. Registration is limited.

Call 847-291-2980 for more information.

Breakfast with Santa and Parents Day Out

On Dec. 17 the public is invited to join St. Ignatius Church for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Children may be left at the church so that parents can do some Christmas shopping.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m., the Parents Day Out continues till 3 p.m.

The cost for breakfast is \$4. The cost for a

photo of your child with Santa is \$1.

Donations are being requested for the Parents Day Out.

St Ignatius Church is located at the intersection of Depot Rd and Deep Lake Roads in Antioch, one mile north of Route 173, phone 847-395-0652.

FROM PAGE B1

"Using this method the house stays up for months. At one time it was 100 percent edible, but you don't want to do that anymore," he said. "This one will probably stay up until January."

A collection to fund Edgell's house was gathered throughout the year. The total project costs more than \$500. A nearby donation jar has already accumulated a few dollars.

3:15 p.m.: It is just several hours later, but a huge difference can be seen at the house. Hundreds of cookies have been stuck onto its walls and the smell of sweetness is overwhelming.

While Edgell slathers white frosting onto his creation he discusses the project. A senior residence member snags a cookie.

"They all like it," he says. "It gives them something to brag about in their building. The moment someone complains about it, I'll stop doing it."

To complete his masterpiece, Edgell purchases a lot of supplies. He carries a typed list with him during construction.

Before starting, he buys 100 eggs, more than 40 pounds of powdered sugar, 1,200 assorted cookies, 200 gingerbread men, 200 candy canes, 150 holiday decorations, 200 different candies and lots of chocolate.

At this time, \$7.50 sits in his collection jar.

7:15 p.m.: Outside it is freezing cold, but inside it is warm and Edgell is working away. More cookies have been added, snowmen are racing down the home's rooftop and "Jingle Bell Rock" is playing.

There is a problem, however. Edgell is running out of frosting.

"There has to be something different about the sugar or the egg whites," he says. "I've never used more than 50 pounds of sugar. Now, I'm definitely in the red."

Though he knows he's short on supplies, he still thinks the house will be completed by morning. When he starts working on his gingerbread house, he very rarely stops.

"I'm a little behind," he says. "But what the heck?"

A residence mentions in passing how her children come to look at the house each year and have their picture taken by it. Edgell said



After almost 12 hours of frosting and placing cookies onto his gingerbread house, John Edgell has many hours of work to go. that people have even put his houses on Christmas cards.

"Even the garbage man is excited," he says.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m.: "To make a long story short, I definitely did not finish last night," says Edgell. "To my surprise, I ran out of egg whites at about 11:30 p.m."

The project continues.

2:25 p.m.: Back on task and it is all coming together now. Edgell is perched on a 6-foot ladder placing gingerbread men on his building. Pretzels have been placed on as well and what was once a barren skeleton of a house is now looking quite appetizing.

The home's base has been decorated with numerous goodies and motorized holiday figures are waving their hands in the air.

The collection jar had to be emptied so that Edgell could purchase more sugar and supplies. Still, \$3.50 sits inside of it.

"It looks great, John," says one woman as she walks on by.

Monday, Dec. 12, 1:32 p.m.: Though supply shortages and winter weather kept Edgell from completing his house on schedule, the finished product looks absolutely amazing.

Every inch of the structure is decorated with edible or holiday item. Elves, nutcrackers and Christmas trees are everywhere.

It is another successful year, and Library Lane residents will have the chance to enjoy the gingerbread house through January.

Edgell will get a chance to relax.

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IYDT presents 'The Nutcracker'

Start your holiday season with a classic tradition. Illinois Youth Dance Theatre presents Tchaikovsky's timeless ballet fantasy "The Nutcracker". IYDT will be performing at the Lakes Community High School, 1000 E. Grass Lake Road, Lake Villa on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17 and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are adults \$16, seniors and students \$10 and children 6 and under \$5. There will be a surcharge for all tickets sold at the door.

The company of Illinois Youth Dance Theatre showcases the talents of over 80 dedicated members ranging in age from 3 to adult. The performance takes you on a journey that begins in a Victorian home where magic dolls, a Nutcracker Prince, and the Rat King and his mice come to life! Travel with Marie and her Prince to the Kingdom of the Sweets, where snowflakes sparkle, Candy canes cavort, and flowers fill the stage with a swirl of color and movement.

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Cranberry Upside-Down Cake

Scant 3/4 cup unsalted butter
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3/4 or 6 ounces cranberries
3/4 cup self-rising cake flour
Pinch of salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 large eggs
One and one-half tbl. whole milk

Tarte-tatin dish, cast-iron straight-sided 8-in. frying pan, or similar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F, and put in a baking sheet to heat up at the same time.

Put the cast-iron frying pan — or tarte-tatin dish if you've got one — on the burner over a medium heat and melt the one-quarter cup of butter. Add one-half cup of sugar, stir, then empty in the cranberries and turn to coat in the syrupy liquid. Set aside while you get on with the cake.

Put the flour, salt, cinnamon, remaining sugar, one-half cup of butter and the eggs in the processor and blitz to combine. Pulse while you add enough milk down the funnel to make a batter of a soft, dropping consistency. Pour it over the berries in the pan and transfer immediately to the heated baking sheet in the oven. Cook for 30 minutes or until the cake is bouncy, gold and risen and beginning to shrink back from the edges.

Take out of the oven and place plate on top of the pan. Turn upside-down and lift the pan off. Be careful here — it's easy to burn yourself.

Serve warm with crème fraîche or ice cream. Serves 6.

Holiday cranberry recipe from Nigella Lawson takes the cake

Seasonal songs and traditional decorations underscore that the holidays are upon us, but they only tell part of the story. Thanks to the transforming baking aromas and delectable goodies emanating from the kitchen this time of year, there can be no doubt about it.

New York Times food columnist Nigella Lawson, in her newest book, "How To Be a Domestic Goddess" (Hyperion, 2005), shares a wealth of mouthwatering recipes for every occasion: cakes, cookies, scones, pies, breads and desserts. She offers a tempting marzipan fruitcake, a chocolate chestnut cake, a "millionaire's" shortbread and many other treats.

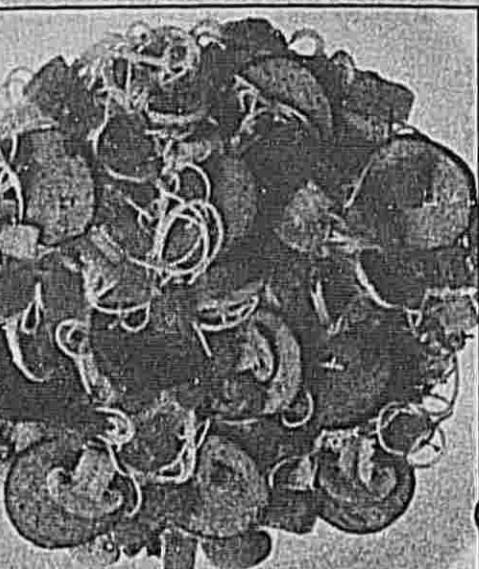
In a chapter on Christmas, Lawson presents a new twist on cranberries: in an upside-down cake. Not only is this dish a snap to prepare, it makes for happy eating. And it looks good, too, as Lawson exclaims: "I love the Christmassiness of this, all that glowing, berried redness."

CHERRY POUND CAKE

Prep Time: 25 minutes
 Makes one (10-inch) cake
 1 1/4 cups butter, softened
 2 3/4 cups sugar
 5 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk), divided
 2 cups quartered maraschino cherries, well drained, reserving 1/3 cup juice
 Powdered sugar or Chocolate Frosting (recipe follows)

1. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla on low speed until blended, then on high speed 5 minutes until light and fluffy.
2. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients alternately with 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk to creamed mixture, mixing lightly after each addition.
3. Fold in cherries. Turn batter into greased and floured 10-inch bundt or tube pan.
4. Bake at 350° F for 55 minutes. Cover loosely with foil, shiny side out; continue baking for 15 to 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean.
5. Let cool in pan 5 minutes; invert cake onto rack and let cool completely.
6. Dust with powdered sugar just before serving or, spoon Chocolate Frosting over cooled cake. Store leftovers covered.

*Chocolate Frosting: In medium saucepan, combine remaining sweetened condensed milk with 2 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate. Cook and stir over low heat until chocolate melts and mixture is thickened. Stir in cherry juice.



Easy, Enjoyable Meals

Here's a holiday tradition that many families are happy to start: finding time amidst all the hustle and bustle to sit down to a good meal together. Fortunately, this may be easier to achieve than many people realize.

For example, keep items such as smoked sausage, canned and frozen vegetables, quick rice mixes and refrigerated potatoes on hand for fast but filling meals. These products can be used to help cut time needed for meal preparation whenever your schedule is full.

Hearty and savory smoked sausage will satisfy your entire family. In fact, smoked sausage can come in handy when planning and preparing meals during the holidays because it is fully cooked and ready to use for quick and easy meal options:

- Prepare your favorite rice mix (such as jambalaya), then stir in sliced smoked sausage. Heat through for a complete meal in 30 minutes.
- Serve smoked sausage alongside refrigerated mashed potatoes for a truly quick meal.
- Add sliced smoked sausage to a Quick Stuffing Mix and pair with your favorite frozen vegetable for an instant meal.
- Stir sliced smoked sausage into prepared macaroni and cheese, then heat through for a one pot meal that is quick, satisfying, delicious and minimizes clean-up time, too.
- Have breakfast for dinner by adding diced smoked sausage to scrambled eggs for a surprise dinner any night of the week. Create this great sausage dish in about 15 minutes.

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HOLIDAY DINING

Filet Mignon With Cabernet Potato Butter Sauce

6 (7-ounce) Omaha Steaks
 Filet Mignons, grilled
 Sauce:
 2 teaspoons plus 1 pound unsalted butter, divided
 1/4 cup finely minced shallots
 3 cups Cabernet Sauvignon (about one 750ml bottle)
 1/2 cup dry Idahoan Butter Homestyle Mashed Potatoes
 1 teaspoon kosher salt

1. In small stainless steel saucepan, place 2 teaspoons butter and shallots. Sauté briefly, until shallots are transparent.
2. Add wine.
3. Over high heat, reduce liquid by half (cooking about 10 minutes).
4. Reduce heat to low and stir in dry mashed potatoes. Cook and stir 1 minute.
5. Cut 1 pound butter into 1/2-ounce cubes.
6. Over low heat, add butter cubes to sauce 1 at a time while continually whisking. If sauce gets too hot and starts to get thin or separate, add more butter cubes to cool it down. If sauce starts to cool down and get thick, let it heat up before adding another cube. Keep between 100°-120°F.
7. Season with salt.
8. Serve immediately over grilled steaks or hold at 100°-120°F in double boiler. Complete the meal with Green Beans With Butter and Lemon (recipe below) plus prepared Idahoan mashed potatoes using remainder of the pouch for the sauce, with one additional pouch.

Yield: 6 servings

Potato Chocolate Cake

1 cup margarine or shortening
 2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 3 squares chocolate, melted
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup cold, prepared Idahoan Original Mashed Potatoes
 2 cups flour, sifted
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup buttermilk
 1 tub chocolate frosting

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Cream together margarine or shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time.
3. Stir in melted chocolate and vanilla. Add mashed potatoes and mix well.
4. Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add this sifted, dry mix alternately to batter with buttermilk. Blend well with each addition.
5. Grease and flour baking pans. Distribute batter evenly between three 9-inch layer pans. Bake 20 minutes.
6. Frost with favorite chocolate frosting. Garnish as desired.

Variation: For Chocolate Spice Cake, add 1 teaspoon each cinnamon and allspice to sifted dry mix. One cup raisins or nuts also may be added.

Yield: 12 servings



Smoked Sausage Italiano

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
 Serves 4

1 lb. Hillshire Farm Polska Kielbasa (or any variety smoked sausage) cut into 1/4 inch medallions
 1 jar (6 oz.) sliced mushrooms
 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes, Italian style with basil, garlic & oregano
 4 oz. extra-thin spaghetti, cooked
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Cheese, optional

In a nonstick skillet, sauté sausage and mushrooms for 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat, add tomatoes. Toss tomato mixture and hot pasta. Season to taste. Top with your favorite cheese. Serve immediately.

Green Beans With Butter and Lemon

pinch of baking soda
 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, ends snipped
 1/4 pound butter
 1/2 cup diced (3/8 inch) red pepper
 juice and zest of 2 lemons
 1 teaspoon sea salt

1. In boiling water with pinch of baking soda, cook green beans to desired doneness.
2. Drain beans, then toss with butter, red pepper, lemon juice, lemon zest and sea salt. Serve immediately.

Yield: 6 servings



On Stage

Strong Marriott cast puts fresh face on lively 'Oliver!'

By Tom Witom

Charles Dickens incorporated the cruelty and injustice of 19th century London into the centerpiece of his explosive – and heart-rending – novel, "Oliver Twist." It was a time that such dehumanizing institutions as workhouses were in full force and grim orphanages were filled with ill-fed and poorly cared for children.

"Oliver!", Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Dickens' classic that made its Broadway debut in 1963, completely captures the essence of the story while at the same time offers a catchy, inspired score whose infectious tunes include "Food, Glorious Food," "I'll Do Anything," "Consider Yourself" and "Pick a Pocket or Two," among others.

It's in very good hands at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, under David H. Bell, director and choreographer. Ryan T. Nelson handles music direction.

Careful lighting, outstanding Victorian costumes, drop-down props and strategically placed background scenery help overcome the restrictions that often make staging such a production difficult in a theater-in-the-round setting. However, Bell's occasional inclusion of a Dickens-like narrator seems not only odd but a totally unnecessary distraction.

Nevertheless, Bell has put together a fine cast – one of the largest in recent memory – led by veteran actor Greg Vinkler as the unscrupulous and miserly overseer of a den of thieves. Best known for his quality work with Chicago Shakespeare, Vinkler adds depth to his character.

The story kicks off with a young boy, Oliver (an angelic-voiced seventh grader from Naperville, Michael Notardonato), is cruelly expelled from an orphanage after he asked for



Kate Fry, Martin Yurek and Greg Vinkler in a scene from "Oliver!" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

a second helping of gruel. The scheming beadle, Mr. Bumble (Michael Linden), decides to get rid of the budding troublemaker and make a profit at the same time by selling Oliver as an undertaker's apprentice.

But Oliver quickly escapes that fate only to fall into the clutches of a gang of young miscreants. Soon after, circumstances lead him to find his real family, though the gang of thieves is loathe to release him from their clutches.

Kate Fry sings up a storm and pours her heart out as Nancy, the barmaid who sticks by

her abusive thug of a boyfriend, the no-account Bill Sykes (darkly played by Martin Yurek). Matt Rafferty, as the Artful Dodger, demonstrates the fine art of pick pocketing.

But there are other wicked folk in this story besides the obvious felons who put self-interest ahead of social responsibility: Bumble, of course, and his aide-de-camp, the Widow Corney (Marilyn Bogetich); the undertaker and his hard-bitten wife, nicely etched by Jeff Kuhl and Carol Kuykendall.

All in all, this smart "Oliver!" stands up to the test of time.

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Teddy bears lift spirits in Lake County

Doreen Lagoni likes to circulate. Over the course of her career Lagoni spent nine years working in this newspaper's circulation department. But for the last six years the retiree has been delivering comforting hugs to traumatized youngsters and lonely seniors in Lake County.

Doreen's special messengers are warm, fuzzy teddy bears she distributes through her nonprofit charity, Bear Magic in Lake County. Her organization is one of 10,000 worldwide chapters—or "dens"—of Good Bears of the World. Good Bears was founded in 1973 by American journalist James T. Ownby to provide teddy bears to social service agencies serving needy children and the elderly.

I for one appreciate the magical healing power of these stuffed bears. Our two boys were better able to cope with their adoption thanks to the donated teddy bears they clutched in their arms. Our sons are now teenagers, but their bears still watch over them.

As for Lagoni, she logs over 500 miles a

month just delivering teddy bears to more than 133 agencies in Lake County, like Staben House in Waukegan, Mano-A-Mano in Round Lake Park, and the Lake County Health Department, as well as many area hospitals, police and fire departments. The bears are then given to children under stress due to accidents, injuries, disability, or domestic violence, or to forgotten seniors, such as during the annual "Teddy Bear Tea" at Winchester House in Libertyville.

Lagoni has been recognized by the Lake County Circuit Court for her donation of over 2,700 bears to their "Kids Korner" since 1999. The Special Education District of Lake County, represented by Thomas E. Bartels, principal of Laramont School and Gail Lantvit, principal of Gages Lake School,



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praises Bear Magic for offering their students "the promise of hope—there is no better promise than that."

The grateful acknowledgements go on and on.

But Doreen's work can't continue without monetary support. While national efforts are focused on the recent natural disasters, Bear Magic is also in need of funding to continue its compassionate efforts locally.

Doreen says donations to Bear Magic are tax deductible, and any amount is appreciated. Lagoni also hopes local businesses and other organizations will consider sponsoring Bear Magic in Lake County. Finally, she thanks donors—her "Bear Angels"—for fulfilling her selfless retirement dream: "putting the comfort of a teddy bear into the arms of every traumatized child or lonely, forgotten senior in Lake County."

If you would like to give, make checks payable to Bear Magic, Attn: Doreen Lagoni, 16075 W. Arlington Dr., Libertyville, IL 60048. Or call Doreen at 847-367-0087.

E-mail Les: lesonlife@sbcglobal.net



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The International Toy Collectors Association Toy Roadshow is coming to the Ramada Inn Waukegan on Jan. 4 to 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be association representatives of more than 5,400 toy collectors there to appraise your antique toys.

The Ramada Inn Waukegan is located at 200 N. Green Bay Road in Waukegan.



Eve Ensler opening new show 'The Good Body' at suburban theater

Eve Ensler will be opening her new show, "The Good Body" on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie. After a critically acclaimed run on Broadway, she is bringing this provocatively moving performance to a local theater.

Eve ignited a movement that has exploded into a global phenomenon through her first triumph, the Vagina Monologues. Now she's back, with a show both uproarious and insightful. In "The Good Body," Eve takes an

inside look at the outside, exploring the cultures of beauty, food and desire through the eyes of women around the world.

Chicago Foundation for Women will host this opening night performance of "The Good Body." "We are proud to be part of presenting Eve's new production to our local audience. Her commitment to social progression benefiting women and girls is both extraordinary and powerful in her productions. She gives you humor, she gives you unforgettable dialogue, and she gives you something to think

about. It will be both entertaining and impactful." Said Hannah Rosenthal, executive director Chicago Foundation for Women. In addition to the performance, there will be a reception after the show to give the audiences an opportunity to meet and greet Eve Ensler.

All proceeds will benefit Chicago Foundation for Women and its work to influence social justice for women and girls. More information and tickets for this event can be found at www.cfw.org or by calling 312-836-0126.

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'Blue Collar' comedian makes Genesee Theatre debut

Nitelite Promotions will present Bill Engvall for a one-night-only appearance on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are all priced at \$35, are on sale, and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312-559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Bill Engvall, co-star of the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour," has achieved many top spots on the charts during his comedic career. His first album, "Here's Your Sign," sold more than one million copies and held the No. 1 position on the Billboard Comedy Chart for 15 weeks straight. His second release, "Dorkfish," hit No. 1 in 1998 selling more than 500,000 copies, and his 2002 release, "Cheap

Drunk: An Autobiography," debuted at No. 1. "Blue Collar Comedy Tour, The Movie," premiered on Comedy Central and was the most-watched movie in the channel's 12 year history and has sold more than 3 million copies in DVD/VHS. It led to the development of the sketch comedy show "Blue Collar TV," also featuring Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy.

Bill Engvall's performance provides insightful and hysterical material on a wide range of topics that include kids, family life and animals. Sharing the humor in everyday situations is helping Engvall in making a fast rise to one of today's top comedians.

For more information, go to www.genesetheatre.com or call 847-782-2366.

Git-R-Done at the Genesee: 'Larry the Cable Guy' to perform

Outback Concerts will present Larry the Cable Guy for two shows on Saturday, April 1 at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets, which are all priced at \$42.75 go on sale Friday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m., and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312-559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

With his cry of "Git-R-Done!" and "Lord, I Apologize?" Larry the Cable Guy begins his daily radio commentaries in cities around the country. You might not think a cable installer could be hilariously funny – until you see Larry the Cable Guy, the church-going, strip bar-going know-it-all comedian in theaters and arenas across the U.S.

Born and raised on a pig farm in Pawnee City, Neb. his family then moved to West Palm Beach, Florida. Like many comics he began his career on a dare at a local comedy club in 1986. He was immediately hooked. In 1988, he quit his day job as the funniest bellhop at The Ramada and hit the road. It wasn't long before he was wowing comedy club crowds with his high energy one liner style of stand up and soon made appearances on "Evening at The Improv" "Comic Strip Live," Comedy Central, MTV and Showtime.

Larry burst onto the radio scene in 1992 on a highly rated Tampa morning show and was subsequently syndicated into Orlando. More stations followed and today his wacky, outrageous and topical commentaries are car-

ried daily in 14 markets on rock radio. Larry is also a regular of Jeff Foxworthy's Country Countdown Show. He also makes regular guest appearances on nationally syndicated shows Man Cow in the Morning, The John Boy & Billy Show, and the Bob & Tom Show.

Star of "Blue Collar TV", the ensemble cast also included Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Engvall from "Blue Collar Comedy Tour, The Movie." The show came about due to the success of the film and the highly successful concert tour, which grossed more than 15 million dollars. The movie premiered on Comedy Central and was the highest rated movie in the channel's history. Larry will also be the voice of one of the animated characters in "Cars," an upcoming feature film from Disney/Pixar. For the fans of Blue Collar Comedy, Larry and the Blue Collar Comedy boys (Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Ron White) will come out with the 3rd Blue Collar movie called "One For the Road" in the summer of 2006.

His CD "Lord, I Apologize", recorded live in Omaha, has been released on Universal Music and is now available in stores. The CD has been number one on the Billboard Comedy Charts for nine weeks in a row. He has also filmed a DVD special titled "Git-R-Done," which aired on Comedy Central May 23, 2004. The special gave Comedy Central their second biggest Sunday night.

For more information, go to www.genesetheatre.com or call 847-782-2366.

Reggaeton to debut

Mt. Beaulah Productions announce Baby Ranks and Wibal & Alex on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are priced at \$60, \$42 and \$32, and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312-559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Baby Ranks (Tu Bailar, Salida) and Wibal & Alex (Tu Pichandome, Hace Tiempo), top Reggaeton artists produced by Luny Tunes. Collectively known as Luny Tunes, the young duo Francisco Saldana and Victor Cabrera once worked at Harvard University as a chef

and a dishwasher, respectively, but that was before they began remixing, redefining, and revolutionizing the burgeoning reggaeton movement. The pair has assembled a first-rate posse of stars for Mas Flow 2, the follow-up to 2003's first installment. Luny Tunes have been called reggaeton's answer to hip-pop producers the Neptunes, and Mas Flow 2 goes a long way towards justifying the comparison.

The Genesee Theatre is located at 203 N. Genesee St. in Waukegan.

For more information, go to www.genesetheatre.com or call 847-782-2366.

Most Beautiful Baby contest at mall

Does your baby have a face that simply delights everyone? Then don't miss the New Star Discovery, Inc. regional Most Beautiful baby Contest in Racine Wis. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Registration is 9 to 10 a.m. for 0 to 7 mos. and 8 to 14 months with judging starting at 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for 15 to 23 months, 24 to 35 months, 3 to 4 years and 5 to 6 years with judging starting at 2:15 p.m.

The entry fee for the main age division is \$45. There are eight optional categories to enter which are \$5 each. You must enter the main age division competition in order to compete in any optional categories. There is no pre-registration.

The winner of each age division will win their entry fee paid to the state competition, a

beautiful trophy, a crown or medallion and a test photo shoot with a high profile, Chicago fashion photographer. The first four runners-up in each age division and the special award winners will receive a trophy and their entry fee paid to the state competition.

The Most Beautiful Baby Contest is a regional contest for children in the surrounding area. Every child entered in the regional contest can qualify for the state competition where he or she could win a \$5,000, \$2,500 or a \$1,000 savings bond. Then it's on to the Nationals where there is a chance to win a \$25,000, \$10,000 and three \$5,000 savings bonds, and other awards.

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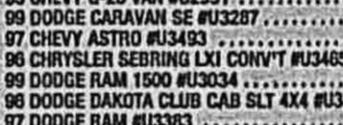
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MOVIE REVIEW KEY

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under *Now Playing*.

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opening this week



Brokeback Mountain: This is director Ang Lee's much-awaited big screen version of the gay love story by author Annie Proulx, in which cowboys Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal connect as life-long soul mates.

In Wyoming in 1963 the two young men meet when they land summer jobs herding sheep on isolated Brokeback Mountain. They're both lonely souls with different demeanors, alienated from their families, and inching toward a tentative friendship. While Ledger and Gyllenhaal pursue a companionship that is defies the conventions of that time, they also struggle to love and support their wives (strong performances by Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway) and children. This mini-epic covers a period of about 20 years. Expect Oscar nods for Ledger as best actor and Lee possibly for best picture. (R)

The Family Stone: This comedy revolves around the annual holiday gathering of a family that's thrown into turmoil when the fair-haired son (Dermot Mulroney) introduces his fiancée, a high strung New York businesswoman (Sarah Jessica Parker), whom the family hates. Also starring Claire Danes, Luke Wilson, Craig T. Nelson, Rachel McAdams, and Diane Keaton. (PG-13)



King Kong: Director Peter Jackson ("The Lord of the Rings" trilogy) directs this dramatic adventure remake in which he brings his sweeping cinematic vision to the big screen. It's the story of a gigantic ape captured in the wild and brought to civilization where he meets his tragic fate. Stars Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody, Colin Hanks, Jamie Bell and Andy Serkis as Kong. (PG-13)

The Producers: Mel Brooks' 1968 Hollywood farce that went on to be a Tony award winning play, gets a shiny new face in a big screen version. It's all about losing and winning on Broadway, while tapping your toes and carrying a great tune. This laugh-out-loud funny movie is a real bargain, for less than \$10 you can take a trip to the theater. Stars Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick and Uma Thurman. (PG-13)

Rob Marshall, the director of "Chicago," transforms Arthur Golden's 1997 novel (it spent two years on the New York Times best-seller list) seamlessly to the screen. The story of how Chiyo (young Suzuka Ohgo), a fisherman's daughter sold by her family who could not support her, transcends her conditions to become Sayuri (Ziyi Zhang, "House of Flying Daggers"), the most sought after geisha in Japan, is told with breathtaking splendor. Her journey was not without cost, however.

Chiyo becomes a servant in the most popular geisha house in the district, answering to every whim of its owner O-Kami and to the beautiful Hatsumomo (Gong Li, "Raise the Red Lantern," "Farewell My Concubine"). Hatsumomo commands the highest regard and the highest price of any geisha for an evening in her company. But she has committed the greatest indiscretion of a geisha; she has fallen in love with a poor worker.

Chiyo feels there is no way out of a life of drudgery and she sees that her sister has become a street prostitute. As she weeps sadly, a very important man, accompanied by two lovely geisha, takes the time to buy her an ice cone and offers his handkerchief to her. The women seem so happy and admired by everyone, that Chiyo decides she would like to study to become a geisha.

Geisha essentially means living art. They are performing artists. Chiyo trains as a dancer, a singer and a musician. She learns the art of gracefully handling the fan and of



Ziyi Zhang and Ken Watanabe in *Memoirs of a Geisha*

pouring tea. Perhaps most important the geisha is an enchanting conversationalist and an attentive listener. The geisha's own passions are never revealed but remain as tightly bound as her layers of silk kimonos.

This transgression of falling in love makes Hatsumomo careless, and she is envious of the great beauty she sees about to emerge in the young Chiyo, who will undoubtedly become her rival very soon. She frames Chiyo and the young girl is sold to Mameha (Michelle Yeoh of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"), a beautiful geisha who is the companion of the highly regarded Chairman (Ken Watanabe, "The Last Samurai").

With Mameha's guidance the shy Chiyo becomes the radiant geisha Sayuri,

who commands the attention of every wealthy businessman eagerly willing to pay the price for the pleasure of Sayuri's company for her first private assignation, shall we say. Ziyi Zhang as Sayuri performs a magnificent dance sequence here in

footwear that makes dancing off in your Manolo Blahniks seem like a piece of cake. Some of you may remember her gravity defying Echo Dance in "The House of Flying Daggers." But Sayuri harbors a secret similar to Hatsumomo's; she is in love with Mameha's lover, The Chairman. Sayuri still has the handkerchief he gave her to dry her eyes on the day he bought her an ice cone.

World War II leaves Japan in ruin. The Chairman and his business partner

Bittersweet memories, beautifully unfold

try to rebuild with US government support and funds, and he asks Sayuri if she and a few other geisha can help entertain some influential Americans who are enthralled with the idea of "geisha girls."

This beautifully photographed film gives audiences a rare glimpse into the little understood world of the geisha. There is an obvious admiration by the storytellers for the beauty, skill and art of the geisha. It also helps us appreciate the adept handling of business strategies employed by the women who train and manage the careers of these strong, intelligent women known as geisha.

The casting is glorious though controversial, with most of the principals being Chinese in this Japanese story. Ken Watanabe is the only Japanese actor in a major role.

Sayuri realizes that her life has not been as most might like and she cautions us at the end of the film with these words, "These are not the memories of an empress or a queen. These are memories of a different kind."



Memoirs of a Geisha

Review by Pam & George O. Singleton at info@reelmoviereview.com

Cast

Ziyi Zhang

Sayuri

Ken Watanabe

The Chairman

Michelle Yeoh

Mameha

Gong Li

Hatsumomo

Koji Yakusho

Nobu

Directed by Rob Marshall ("Chicago"). Drama and romance. Columbia Pictures. PG-13 (mature subject matter and some sexual content), 145 minutes.

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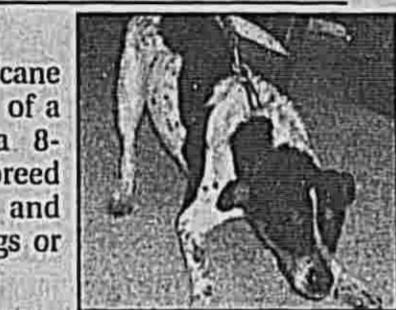


Brianna

Although this 8-month old brown and white tabby is FIV-positive, the feline equivalent of human HIV, she can be around other cats.

Vanity

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Why puppies aren't like sweaters

I cringe when I hear someone say they are "surprising their family" with a new dog. Or maybe they impulsively bought one as a gift. Animals are not sweaters, televisions or CDs.

The decision to get a dog should be the whole family's decision, especially when they are considering one during the holiday season.

The story goes something like this. The unassuming soon-to-be-new pet owner walks by a pet store. They see a precious bundle of fluff, and able to pull out the check-book pay for the puppy and take her home. As they walk out of the store with the dog, he might say to himself, "did I actually just do that?"

For pet stores, and some less reputable breeders who care more about the cash than the pups, the December holidays are a real boom in sales for them. They couldn't care less who buys their puppies. (In all frankness no one should buy a dog from a pet store anyway. Many of those dogs come from puppy mills and doing so only helps these people stay in business. Besides, you could end up with a dog with physical or mental problems.)



By Sandy Wisniewski

PET WISE

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Careful planning is vital to success with a new dog. Caring for a dog can be an 18-year commitment. The dog will need to go outside to go potty three to upwards of 15 times per day, depending on the dog's age. If she's a pup it's likely she will be chewing, jumping and biting. Early on, sleep for the new pet owners – and remember it's the holidays – will be limited, especially if the pup needs to go out in the middle of the night.

We're also living in the Midwest. Each potty break the owner must bundle up to take the pup out. Then it's quite possible in the first week or so the pup will sit outside shivering from the cold looking up at their owner clueless of what outside potty means. In turn the owner standing by the dog shivering herself, telling the pup (begging really) "go potty, go on go potty."

So, for those of you who want to add a new dog to your home this time of year do yourself and your loved ones a favor, either wait to add a pet until January or go into it with all family members fully invested, and plan on buying lots of long underwear as you stand outside with that pup pleading with her to "Go Potty!"



Missy

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To Do:

SciTech to host photo contest

SciTech Hands On Museum announced it is looking for photos of kids having fun at the museum and is holding a contest to find them.

Winning photos will be used for museum promotional materials, such as brochures, website and display ads. The winner of the photo contest will receive a years membership to SciTech, a \$75 value. Runners up will receive a family pass, good for one admission of up to six family members, a \$42 value. Photos must be submitted by Jan. 20, 2006. Winners will receive notification by mail.

Contestants agree by entering the contest to allow SciTech to use their photos in SciTech's promotional materials. Sorry, no photos can be returned.

To enter, mail your photo to SciTech Marketing, 18 W. Benton St., Aurora, IL 60506. To submit a digital photo visit www.scitech.museum or e-mail your high resolution photos to scitechphotos@yahoo.com. For additional information call 630-859-3434 ext. 220. Photos must include: family's name, address, phone number and email address.

SciTech Hands On Museum is located at 18 W. Benton St. in the historic, former U.S. Post Office building in downtown Aurora. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call for holiday and summer hours. Admission is \$7. For information call 630-859-3434 or visit www.scitech.museum on the web.

SciTech Hands On Museum engages people in experiencing science and technology in a fun and interactive way. SciTech also offers world renowned special traveling exhibitions and programs.

BACOA's Monday lunch program

BACOA's Monday lunch program is held at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Dr., Barrington. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3. However if underwriting is unavailable for special programs, there may be an increase in the suggested donation. Preregistration is required. Call 847-381-5030 for more information.

Greencastle luncheon

All area seniors are invited to the Tuesday and Thursday lunch programs at Greencastle of Barrington from 11:30 to 1 p.m. and participate in the "Senior Social" following lunch. Lunch is served at noon for a suggested donation of \$3, with no additional charge for the Senior Social programs. Advance registration is required. Call 847-381-5030 for more information. Greencastle is located at 445 E. Main, Barrington.

Sign, say and play

Ever wonder what your baby is trying to tell you? Baby Signs is a new program at the Northbrook Park District that focuses on better communication between parent and child. Through games, songs and activities, babies, ages 6 to 30 months, learn simple gestures for communicating with their parents and caregivers before they can talk.

This reduces frustration and strengthens important language, cognitive and social-emotional skills. Visit babysigns.com for more details.

Classes will be held at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave., starting Jan. 11. Fees are \$78 for residents and \$83 for nonresidents for this six-week class. Call 847-291-2980 to register.

School's out fun

Go back in time on your day off from school. School's Out Fun will take a trip to Medieval Times in Schaumburg on Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day. See knights jousting and competing during this special presentation. The group will meet at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. in Northbrook at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. A pizza lunch will be served.

Registration deadline is Jan. 2. No walk-in registration will be allowed. Call 847-291-2980 for more information.

National Arbor Day Foundation creates opportunity for people to help replant trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation has announced a special new campaign to assist in tree recovery efforts for the areas that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Through the Katrina Tree Recovery Campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Audubon Society, is offering people across America the opportunity to support replanting trees in coastal Mississippi and Louisiana, and begin the reforestation of neighborhoods and cities across the region. For every \$10 donated to the Katrina Tree Recovery Campaign, the Foundation will contribute 10 trees to be planted by Katrina victims.

"This is an important way to help those who have suffered the loss of vital trees," said Arbor Day Foundation President John Rosenow. "Through their contribution, supporters throughout America will make it possible for people in Mississippi and Louisiana to plant native-species trees to counter some of the destruction caused by Katrina. Trees add beauty and conservation benefits to back yards and natural areas. This is an important way to help restore the land and rebuild communities."

The tree species to be planted include Baldcypress, Red Maple, Eastern Redcedar, and Red Oak. Rosenow adds that not only will supporters have the satisfaction of donating these trees to people in need, but the Arbor Day Foundation will also provide to each donor of \$10 or more a free membership, including a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

Rosenow says the Arbor Day Foundation is pleased to work with Audubon Mississippi in distributing these trees to Gulf Coast residents. "Audubon's commitment to getting the trees to the people and areas of need is vital," he said, "and their leadership in organizing volunteer tree planters is helping make this possible."

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A Still Life in Color presented by TUTA

TUTA presents a world premiere A Still Life in Color by Philip Dawkins. Directed by Zeljko and starring Mike Driscoll, Jeremy Glickstein, P.J. Schoen, Jacqueline Storze and Alice Wedoff this exotic fairy tale follows three lovers, a boy, a girl and the other girl who collide, stir, and vanish in a passionate drive to break out of their extreme solitude living in a world where it has been raining for nine years. As the waters flood and rush closer to the highest rooms of a soaring castle, the lovers find themselves in a predicament where wishes do come true, but the consequences affect more than they bargained for and reveal that love endures through the changing tides of time and self.

A Still Life in Color will run through Dec. 18 with Thursday through Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets prices are from \$12 to \$20 at Chicago Dramatists Theatre, 1105 W. Chicago Ave. in Chicago. For more information call 847-217-0691.

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The tradition continues at Apple Holler as it welcomes the Holiday Season with a musical show at the Red Barn Theatre. Apple Holler's Merry Christmas 1946 runs through Dec. 29. The children's musical Elves on the Shelves also runs weekends through Sunday, Dec. 18.

Director Michael Becker outdoes himself again with two newly written songs just for this production of Merry Christmas 1946. Becker says "we decided to do a show set in the 1940s since audiences seem to enjoy the nostalgia of stepping back in time." The show features a tribute to "It's a Wonderful Life," which premiered Christmas Eve 1946.

The Dorsey Brothers and Andrew Sisters ruled the jukebox. The haunting words and melody of "I'll be home for Christmas" still brought tears to the eyes of folks with too-fresh war memories. Merry Christmas 1946, a warm and nostalgic revue, is presented as a dinner theatre, with wine and cheese, dinner and the show running throughout the meal. The price of \$39.95, includes Wisconsin wine and cheese, full-course meal, dessert, bever-

age, show, tax and tip. All performances are by reservation only. Elves on the Shelves is a charming musical play filled with Christmas stories, songs and Santa's elves, and a perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season. Children will be delighted to see how the elves help them find the true spirit of Christmas within them. Sure to be a hit with young and old, Elves on the Shelves entertains with holiday songs, laughter and the special charm of an elfin sense of humor. The Enchanted Barn Kids Stage is decorated with twinkling lights, Christmas trees and festive ornaments for the fun. Family package includes: Holiday musical show, Elves on the Shelves, warm apple cider and chocolate chip cookie, a surprise gift for each child, Apple Holler Express wagon ride through the Enchanted Forest, farmyard animal friends to visit. Cost is \$6 per person, children and adults or \$5 for groups of 20 or more.

Apple Holler is located between Racine and Kenosha, on West Frontage Road off I-94, just north of the Highway KR exit. For further information, call 800-238-3629.

Faster, smaller, cheaper, better

These four words can sum up where technology has been heading the past decade or so, and where it is going to continue to go in the future.

Try to think back about five years and compare that to how you live today. Did you and all almost everyone you know have mobile phones? Had you ever heard of "instant messaging"? Did you have any idea you would be able to take a color photo with your cell phone and send it across the world instantly?

If that much has changed in just five years, think how much will be different five years into the future.

Dr. Kayed Akkawi, dean of the School of Computer Studies at Robert Morris College describes how technology has changed over the years. "Ten years ago, people weren't interested in technology because it was very expensive, very high maintenance. Companies and organizations were reluctant to embrace new technology. Today, technology has made everything smaller, cheaper, faster and it can do more - it is part of our everyday lives."

He refers to a next generation of technology called "nanotechnology," which we will see in the next 10 to 20 years. It involves the increasingly interwoven worlds of telecommunications, computer technology and microelectronics. The result will be small, fast, high-tech gadgets that do more and cost less than what we have now.

Robert Morris College is keeping up the pace as a leader in technology education by staying in tune with industry needs. On RMC's advisory board are such cutting-edge companies as Hewlett-Packard, SBC and AT & T. Akkawi states, "We talk to them twice a year and tell us what skills they are looking for in an individual. We base our curriculum on what we hear from the industry and the job outlook published by the government."

Akkawi explains how Robert Morris College uses this vital information from industry leaders. "We believe in a hands-on approach. Our program is applied education. All our computer classes are taught in a lab environment, so it's a simulation of the real world problems. Members of its faculty are practitioners in the field; they don't just come here from school. What the industry is looking for is someone who has the skills to enter the job running, not needing three or six months training."

While the computer classes are the core of the curriculum, Akkawi stresses that RMC's

programs provide a well-rounded education, particularly in the area of communication. "Students need the ability to communicate," he says. "That is the single most important thing I tell my students about what employers are looking for."

Every student, in the final semester, must not only create a project, he or she must also present it ("sell it," according to Akkawi) to a group of faculty members and then be able to defend it.

There is a myth going around now, according to Akkawi, that, "students nowadays, especially in high school, see the layoff of technology workers right and left, and counselors are telling them that computers is not the field to be in right now. That is a total myth."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, careers in information technology are expected to grow by as much as 81 percent by 2010, compared with about 15 percent of all industries. Networking and database management, in particular, are careers that will be in the most demand. RMC's bachelor's degree in applied science allows students to concentrate in either of these two areas, as well as telecommunications or programming.

Robert Morris College recently announced the opening of The School of Graduate Studies. Classes begin in February for the Master of Information Systems program and the Master of Business Administration. The MIS curriculum builds upon the undergraduate foundation in computer studies and business that includes knowledge of web development, database management in a networked environment, managerial accounting and statistics. The curriculum will integrate the principles of information systems with the objectives of business, emphasizing strategic applications in database management, information assurance and network communication. Through real-world experiences, students may choose to customize a concentration in information assurance or business to gain depth in a topic or choose courses in technology and/or business to gain breadth.

Few industries change as rapidly as information technology. The most successful IT professionals don't just keep pace, they drive innovation. The Robert Morris College Master of Information Systems program teaches students to apply their knowledge of technology and skills in problem solving to meet business challenges and anticipate future needs.

Exhibition winners announced

The Art center Highland Park (Formerly the Suburban Fine Arts Center), is holding its annual 12" by 12" exhibition, which began Dec. 9, at the center. The show, juried by Chicago gallery owner Thomas Masters will run through Jan. 2.

Masters chose several pieces for prizes. First place was awarded to Skokie resident Gabrielle Boros' acrylic Self Portrait; second place goes to Chicago artist Dan Addington for his oil and wax on wood Small Sky: Harmony of Leaves; and third place winner was Ron Testa of Wilmette for his digital print. Awards of merit were given to Wendy Chancy of Lake Forest; Jane Ellefson, Lindenhurst and Anna Karczewicz of Chicago.

Highland Park residents chosen for the exhibit where no work is larger than 12 inches by 12 inches include Diane Dorian, Gail Fried, Jonathan Friedman, and Judith Hechtman. Also in the show are Ed Watson of Buffalo Grove; Ann Hughes and Beverly Zwiski of Charleston; Dirk Fletcher and

Robert Tolchin of Deerfield. Evanston residents include Shelley Gilchrist, Beatrice Fisher, Cindy Jevon, Sharon Swidler and Verna Todd. Reggie Siske and James DeWitt of Glencoe; Ruth Bremmer, and Laura Simpson of Glenview; Susan Schneider of Gurnee and Lucie Philips of Kenilworth. Also Lake Forest residents Marlie Jones, Ann Roberts, and Lorraine Stillman; Libertyville resident Kathey Chambers, and Lindenhurst residents Mary Burke and Darlene Grossman are featured in the exhibit.

Artists Elaine Friedman, Larry Nelson and Lorrie Slaw are from Northbrook; Judy Langston of Park Ridge; Don Wheeler and Milvi Wheeler of Riverwoods, Jackie Carmichael of Wadsworth and Chati Borushek of Wilmette.

The Art Center Highland Park is a 46 year old non-for-profit art center located at 1957 Sheridan Road in downtown Highland Park. Gallery hours for this show are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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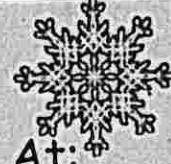
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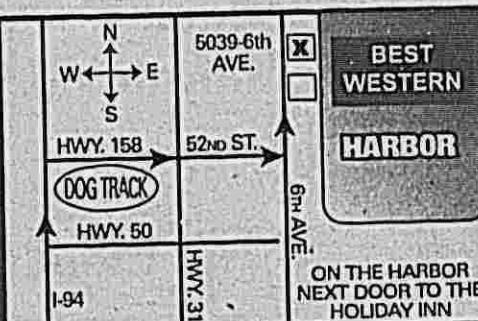
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Buy-back program nets 247 guns

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

According to Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re, the numbers speak for themselves. Forty six percent of the households with children in the county also have at least one gun. The most recent statistics for the county also show that gunshot wounds are the second-leading cause of death or injury among children and young adults between the ages of 10 and 24, behind only automobile accidents.

That is why the number 247 is also significant to Del Re, as it represents the amount of guns that were accumulated during the Dec. 10 gun buy-back program, a joint effort between the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Crime Stoppers, the Chiefs of Police Association and the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group.

On Dec. 12, Del Re and other county officials stood in front of several tables displaying every rifle and handgun that was bought back over the weekend to discuss what they deemed a productive program.

"This has been a very successful effort, one that takes place county-wide," Del Re said. "It really indicates our ability to do things collectively and really get the job done."

The municipal police stations that participated in the program were Waukegan (38 guns bought back), Round Lake Beach (32), Buffalo Grove (41), Lake Forest (10), Gurnee (34), Highland Park (10), Mundelein (48), Grayslake (20) and Vernon Hills (14).

The guns were transported from the sheriff's office in Waukegan Dec. 12 and taken to a facility where they were melted down.

Del Re said members of the sheriff's office, the state police and officers from each local municipality managed the buy-back sta-

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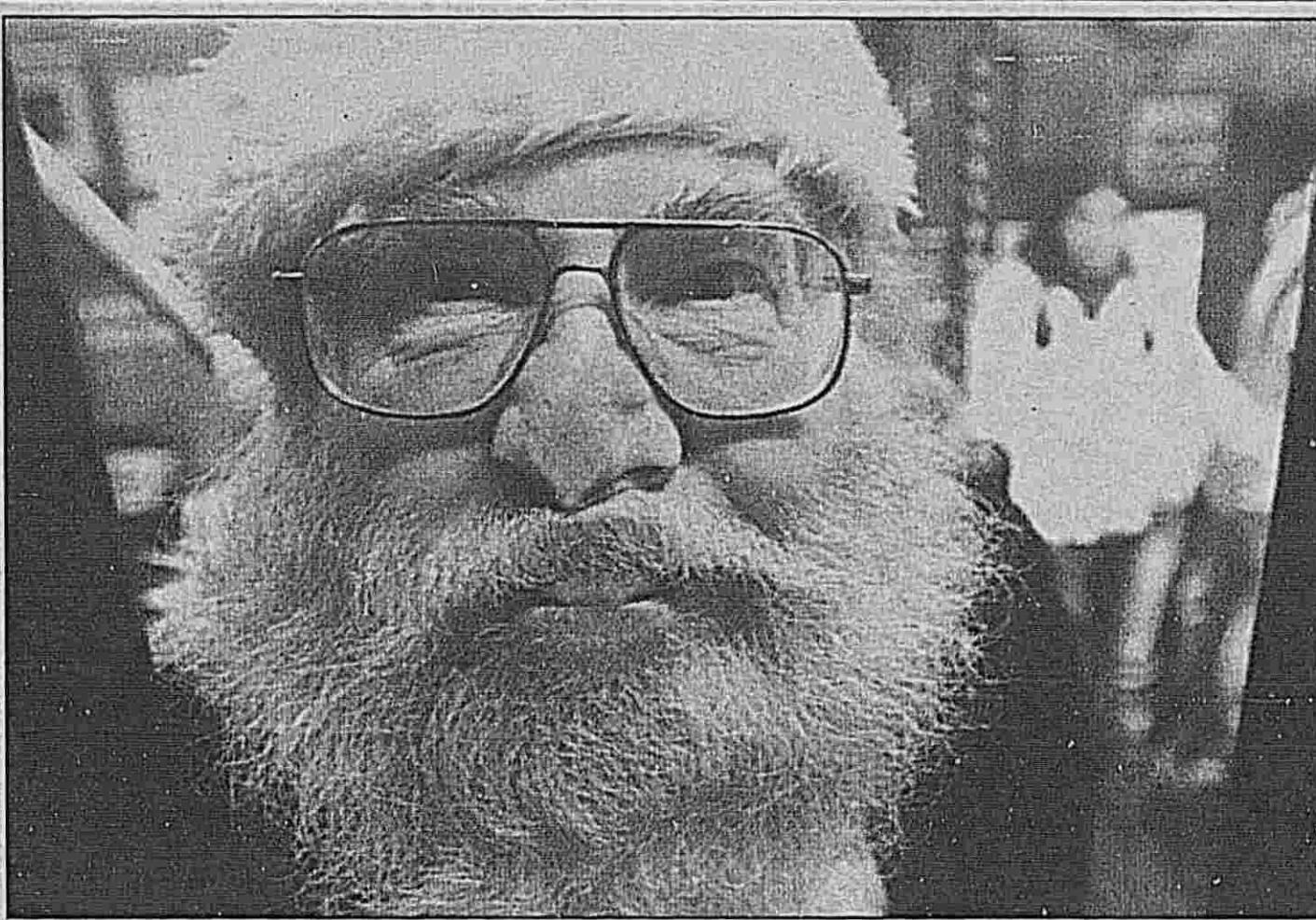


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Santa Claus gets goofy with passengers aboard the Polar Express Metra train on Saturday afternoon. The train took passengers from Round Lake to Fox Lake and featured a reading of *The Polar Express*.

Creative competition

Jack Benny Center to host contest for student musicians

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

tion was almost always impressive.

"It is based on (the students') interpretation of the music," she said. "It's also based on their preparation in dealing with tempo and rhythm and having consistency where consistency is called for and to...know when you need to do something a little different."

Waukegan Symphony Orchestra Director Stephen Blackwelder and Waukegan Concert Chorus Director Sylvanus Tyler III are judges for the competition, which began in 1984. Petrusky said a different guest judge is added each year as well.

Students who participate in the competition, which is scheduled for Jan. 15, are required to perform from memory one movement of a standard concerto or single-movement work. All orchestral instruments are permitted in the contest, along with piano and guitar.

The Waukegan Park District's Cultural Arts Division, along with the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, will provide high school students from throughout the county the opportunity to express their musical talents next month.

The two groups began accepting applications last week for the 2006 Nancy Fuqua Memorial Artists Competition, which invites students who are living in Lake County, or are from another area but are studying music in the county, to participate.

Waukegan Park District Superintendent of Cultural Arts Claudia Petrusky said the number of participants had varied from just five students some years to more than 25 others. But, regardless of the quantity, she said the quality of the competi-

This is an exercise that is different from a recital or from being in even a small ensemble group.'

Claudia Petrusky
Waukegan Park District
Superintendent of Cultural Arts

Participants are judged in four categories—musicianship, artistry, skill and performance.

The winner of the contest will then perform the piece they selected for the competition with the symphony orchestra and concert chorus May 13 at their joint concert, "Sounds of the Spirits," at Waukegan High School.

Aside from the chance to perform with a full orchestra and chorus, the winner will also receive \$400. Second and third

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SNAP SHOTS

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic



Q: Do you think the in-flight air marshals did the right thing by shooting a passenger after he claimed there was a bomb in his bag?

ROBYN ZULLO
Wildwood

"Yes, I do. I think (the air marshal) did the right thing because if he really did have a bomb, it would have saved a lot of people. It's the whole security thing."

JOHN PIHA
Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

"When someone threatens there's a bomb in this day of terrorism, (air marshals) are trained to react to them. Maybe some discretion could've been used."

LEE LEPPERT
Wauconda

"The thing that comes to mind, is why did they have to kill him? They could have injured him to disarm him."

DOUG NIEMAN
Round Lake Beach

"Sure. The guy said he had a bomb. If he hadn't been stopped by the marshals who knows what could have happened and they (the marshall) would have been criticized for that too."

DWAYNE BELL
Grayslake

"Yes, they did. They did not know at that moment if it was a real threat. So for the concern and safety of the passengers, yes, I think they responded appropriately."

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SWALCO launches residential construction recycling initiative

As part of the agency's 50 percent county-wide recycling goal, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has initiated a new partnership that creates recycling opportunities at new residential construction sites.

The Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago (HBAGC) will encourage its members to recycle as much as possible at their construction sites, and in return SWALCO will provide training and technical assistance to the builders and evaluate program effectiveness.

"Up to 30 percent of new residential construction site waste is recyclable," said SWALCO coordinator Peter Adrian.

Examples of recyclable materials found at residential construction sites include cardboard, wood and metals.

The partnership with HBAGC officially begins on Jan. 1, and applies to both single-family as well as multi-family home building construction sites. "There is no other partnership like this in the country," Adrian said.

Pulte Homes and Lakewood Homes were recently recognized by SWALCO for their construction site recycling efforts in Round Lake.

Those developments include 1,200 new single- and multi-family homes, and the agency estimates that 36,000 cubic yards of recyclable materials will have been diverted from landfills by the time they are complete.

The agency determined that the most effective way to successfully divert recyclable construction materials from the county's waste stream was to provide information and training to homebuilders, and then publicly recognize their efforts as the new developments are constructed. Homebuilders will have to track and report their recycling efforts to SWALCO.

"We quickly realized that it would be better for everyone if we created a voluntary program, rather than trying to get municipalities to adopt new ordinances," Adrian said.

The current Lake County Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Ordinance only applies to unincorporated areas. The ordinance is available online at www.co.lake.il.us/elibrary/ordinances/default.asp.

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SWALCO tells ways to reduce, reuse, recycle during holidays

Americans throw away 25 percent more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period compared to any other time of the year. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is encouraging everyone to reduce and recycle more during the holidays by reducing packaging, recycling wrapping paper and holiday trees, using rechargeable batteries, and properly disposing of special wastes.

1. Purchase Gifts Made Out of Recycled Content Materials. SWALCO can help you "close the loop" of recycling by providing an online Recycled Content Product Guide (look for the link on their website www.swalco.org).

2. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bag. When you do your shopping, bring along your own bags so you do not collect any more at the stores.

3. Don't Throw Unwanted Electronics in the Trash. Take them to SWALCO's spring "E-waste" collection event. Check the web site (www.swalco.org) or call the SWALCO office at 847-336-9340 for more information in February.

4. Use Rechargeable Batteries and then dispose of them properly at a SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection when they run out of juice.

5. Reuse or Recycle Packaging Materials. UPS Store/Mailboxes Etc. will accept clean packing peanuts at any of their locations. More Styrofoam recycling options can be found online (www.epspackaging.org/info).

6. Reduce Gift Wrapping Waste. Wrapping paper can be recycled, so place it at the curb with your other household recyclables. Or make the wrapping part of the gifts you give (e.g. scarves, pillow cases, and cloth napkins).

7. Reduce Waste at Holiday Parties. Try using real plates and cloth napkins at your events, and don't forget to set out the recycling bin for your guests.

8. Donate to Charity. You can find a new home for unwanted goods by calling the United Way of Lake County at 847-775-1000.

9. Recycle Your Christmas Tree. Contact your local city or village hall to determine when or if Christmas trees will be collected in your area. In the event pick-up service is not available, the Lake County Forest Preserve District has designated drop-off locations at the Greenbelt, Half Day, Lakewood, Old School, and Van Patten Woods preserves (Dec. 26 to Feb. 1) Remove decorations.

10. Make a Resolution to Reduce Your Waste-Line in the New Year. The waste generation rate in Lake County is 7.5 pounds of trash per person per day. Follow these tips throughout 2006.

COMPETITION

place contestants will also receive cash prizes, Petrusky said.

Winners have come from all over the county. Last year, Hawthorn Woods resident Mindy Park, who was a freshman at Lake Zurich at the time, won for her cello performance.

Petrusky said the students' composure during the competition had been impressive each year.

"This is an exercise that is different from a recital or from being in even a small ensemble group," she said. "It's completely different because you are pretty much bearing your soul to complete strangers and you can see the maturity in some of

these young people, it's pretty amazing."

The deadline for registration is Dec. 31 and must include a \$20 non-refundable application with the completed form.

Checks should be made payable to the Waukegan Park District and returned with the form to the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL 60087.

For more information, contact the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740 or visit its Web site at www.waukegan-parks.org/jbc.

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BUY-BACK

tions, reflecting the ability of the county's law enforcement to work together.

Lake County Chiefs of Police Association President Mark Fleischhauer explained that the buy-back program was an opportunity to get unwanted guns out of their homes.

"Everyone is familiar with at least one or two stories of children who were accidentally shot, accidentally killed or hurt," he said. "All we're trying to do is raise awareness and increase the safety of the children in our communities."

Lake County Crime Stoppers Director Andy Anderson said the program had been a

success in years past as well, with 408 guns bought back during its inaugural year in 2001, 478 in 2002 and 205 in 2003. The effort was put on hold in 2004 before resuming this year.

"If this has saved a life or this saved a major injury to a person, we can't have a better success than that," he said. "And if we all continue working together, we will continue making all of our communities here in Lake County a safer place to live, work and/or visit."

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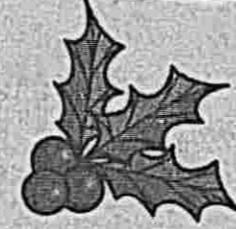


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Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re and Mundelein Police Chief Raymond Rose admire an antique handgun turned in during last weekend's semi-annual gun buy-back program. Residents turned in 247 guns at nine different police department drop-off sites. Mundelein had the most with 48.

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Board members question hiring methods

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Two Waukegan Community Unit School District 60 Board of Education members spoke out against a controversial vote made at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The board voted 5-2 to name Donald Batiste the district's new superintendent, with current superintendent Richard Olson set to retire from the post June 30.

Batiste, who is currently the deputy superintendent of the district, has spent the last two years in Waukegan in charge of the Division of Academic Affairs, Curriculum and Instruction.

But board member June Maguire and Vice President William Anderson both voted against the move, saying the board had not taken the appropriate steps toward offering Batiste a contract.

Maguire said the agenda she received the week prior to the meeting did not have Batiste's appointment listed as an item, adding that she was not even aware of the move until two hours before the meeting began.

Board members never met as a whole with Dr. Batiste with regard to the position and never met as a whole with regards to the

parameters (of the contract)," she said.

Anderson added that, while he felt Batiste was qualified for the job, he could not vote in favor of the hire, which in his estimation included no discourse with members of the community.

"What I am disturbed about is the board's action in doing this without any community involvement whatsoever," he said. "I've suggested several methods whereby there could be community involvement and they've been shut down."

Board President Fernando Shipley said the board chose to appoint Batiste without any public discourse because Batiste would have been hired as superintendent either way.

"Irregardless of what's been said we're moving forward," he said. "I owe an apology to Mr. Anderson and Ms. Maguire because they seem to think the process should have been something that involved the community and I just tend to believe that, when you're involved with the best person you can find, I'm not going to play the game where (I say), 'I'm going to look at other people but I'm going to pick (Batiste).'"

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As new building rises, CLC expands classes

With construction running ahead of schedule, the new classroom building at the College of Lake County's Southlake Educational Center is taking shape in Vernon Hills.

And with more courses being offered this spring at the college's expanding Southlake facility, CLC is moving closer to its goal of better serving residents of southern Lake County.

Construction of the \$13.89 million building began in March, and the facility is expected to be ready for classes in January 2007.

In anticipation of the spring 2007 opening of the new building, the college is already adding several new classes and scheduling options. In the spring 2006 semester, two classes in the college's new Paralegal Studies Program will be offered at Southlake for the first time. "Introduction to Paralegal Studies" will be offered on Tuesday evenings and "Contract Law" on Wednesday evenings.

Transfer students who work full time or are early risers can arrive at Southlake at 7 a.m. for "Basic Algebra." Students able to attend classes later in the morning have the option of "Intermediate Algebra" or "College Algebra," both offered at 9 a.m. Courses offered at Southlake are identified with a "200" section number in the course listings in the CLC Class Schedule.

For transfer students who need late afternoon or early evening classes, CLC offers a planned progression of courses that allow students to complete many of the requirements for an Associate in Arts transfer degree at Southlake. Late afternoon classes generally begin around 4 p.m., while early evening classes begin at 7 p.m.

Construction of the Southlake classroom building will allow the college to expand programs and services offered in south Lake County. Currently, the college offers transfer and career program courses, English as a second language (ESL) courses, non-credit programs for seniors and training for business and industry at the Southlake Educational Center.

With the opening of the new classroom building, the college will be able to offer a complete associate's degree and a comprehen-

sive student services program, allowing CLC to seek campus status for Southlake.

"This beautiful, light-filled building is being completed so that students and members of the public will enjoy more of CLC in south Lake County — more of the courses and more of the services," said Dee Abbate, director of the Southlake Educational Center. "They will appreciate the many fine details of the design such as the glass ceiling of the student lounge. At Southlake, CLC will offer everything needed to complete a transfer degree, as well as a great selection of short-term current interest courses with childcare available, all in a lovely new setting."

The new building will include six general classrooms, 11 computer laboratories, a science laboratory, a child care center, a bookstore and a learning resource center. Student services, including counseling, student activities, tutoring and testing, will be expanded. A three story glass-enclosed student lounge will be the focal point of the west-facing building.

The Business and Industry Training Center offices and conference center facilities, located on the third floor, will overlook a landscaped series of ponds. The new CLC classroom building connects with Southlake's existing 16,269-square-foot building, which opened in April 1998. The new building will connect with Southlake's existing 16,269-square-foot building, which contains 11 classrooms, including four computer laboratories and one distance-learning classroom. The general contractor is Doherty Construction of Woodstock, and the architect of record is Legat, Inc. of Waukegan.

Southlake Educational Center is located at 1120 S. Milwaukee Ave., 2.5 miles south of Route 60 and two-tenths of a mile north of the intersection of Routes 45 and 21 in Vernon Hills. For more information, call 847-543-6501.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 17. To apply for admission, call 847-543-2061 or log on to www.clcillinois.edu/applic.htm. To register for classes by phone (after completing CLC's admission process), call 847-223-1111. To register online, log on to www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm.

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Innovator named president of YWCA

The YWCA Lake County announced the election of Cheryl M. Gilliam of Grayslake as president of its board of directors.

Gilliam is currently a program leader at Kraft Foods in Glenview where she puts her 22 years of professional experience in the medical and food industries to work.

Gilliam currently holds six U.S. patents, and was named the 2002 Enhancers Innovator of the year at Kraft. One of her packaging innovations includes the popular new Kraft Big Mouth Mayo container.

"The YWCA is extremely meaningful to me personally because my mother, Modestine, moved from South Carolina to the Detroit area during the Jim Crow years and stayed at a YWCA residential facility," Gilliam said. "Today, I live in a three-generation household with my mother and daughter and I am proud to lead the YWCA in supporting all women and girls, regardless of age, economic status and ethnicity."

"The YWCA is one of her strongest passions," said Elizabeth Forbrich, executive director of the county YWCA. "In her capacity as co-chair of the YWCA's Women of Achievement Awards (a position she held for three years), she was instrumental in gaining permission from Dr. Height to rename the prestigious YWCA's Racial Justice award to the Dr. Dorothy I. Height Racial Justice Award."

Gilliam is a strong champion of two key programs at the YWCA: TechGYRLS in Action, which teaches young girls about technology during afterschool clubs and full day camps, and Teen Moms, with comprehensive wrap-around services for at-risk teen girls.



Cheryl M. Gilliam

In February, Gilliam was presented with the 2005 Most Influential African American Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Lake County, by Soaring Eagle Publications for her contributions to the community and professional excellence.

Trial date set for police officer

By Rob Phillips

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The first trial date was set for one of three former police officers accused of beating a man outside a Fox Lake bar in February.

A trial for former Richmond and Spring Grove police officer Brian Quilici is scheduled to begin March 6. Quilici is next expected to appear in court Jan. 31.

Quilici, along with Jessica Thelen and former police officers Ronald Pilati and Jerome Volstad, is charged with aggravated battery and mob action in connection with the alleged beating of Ryan Hallett.

Quilici, Pilati and Volstad also face other charges related to the Feb. 20 incident outside of KC's Cabin near Fox Lake.

Hallett left the alleged attack with a shattered right eye socket and other injuries. The four people charged in the beating say that Hallett was the aggressor.

Expect garbage, recycling service delays

Even though Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Sundays, employees of the waste hauling companies (Waste Management, Onyx, Groot, Mundelein Disposal, and others) will not be working on the following Mondays.

Garbage and recycling collection services will take place a day later than the normal schedule, for most municipalities, during the weeks following Christmas and New Year's Day.

Most of the waste haulers will pick up Christmas trees two to four weeks after the

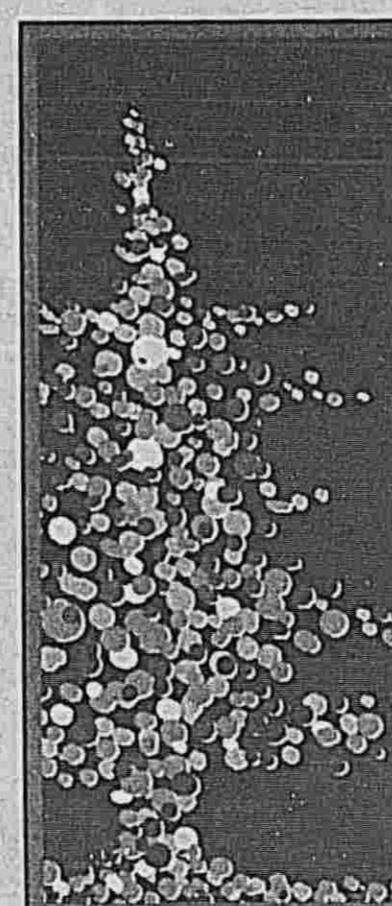
holiday. If you have questions, contact your hauler. In the event pick-up service is not available, the Lake County Forest Preserve District has designated drop-off locations at the Greenbelt, Half Day, Lakewood, Old School, and Van Patten Woods preserves from Dec. 26 to Feb. 1.

Customer service phone numbers are—Onyx customer service (Vernon Hills, Waukegan and other northern areas): 847-623-3870; Waste Management Customer Service: 800-796-9696; Mundelein Disposal: 847-566-5159 and Groot: 866-734-1100.



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Inside voices respect shush

This is the kind of sign you might expect at preschool: "Children of all ages have to behave and use their indoor voices." It's hard to disagree with those rules. But the sign hangs in the window of a café in a North Side Chicago neighborhood. Owner Dan McCauley has upset some parents, according to an Associated Press story. But he says hundreds of callers and letter-writers say, "It's about time."

It's about manners. In public. By children.

And adults, too. Yeah, you and your cell phone. Or you and your foul language. Or you and your tailgating.

McCauley and other business owners are looking out for their customers. They don't want the peace of their quiet dinner broken by a child's outdoor voice.

One generation accuses the previous of a host of ills – disrespect, moral degradation, laziness, obesity, crime, and on, and on.

Generations have selective memories. The previous generation almost always is better than the current one. They forget that they were similarly accused. And the accusations go back through the ages.

But that does not excuse poor and rude behavior of children in public places. Parents have their work cut out for them, and this is not an area to cut corners on.

You might not be able to conclusively determine that children are worse today than they ever have been. But it is obvious that America has changed.

Families eat out more often than before. Children have grown up with fast-food restaurants with play areas attached. When you go to McDonald's, you do not expect a quiet meal. That might be a training ground for good manners in public. It's not anything goes.

As the restaurant check increases, diners' expectations increase. They are paying for good meals in a pleasant atmosphere. The bottom line? They aren't paying to listen to your kid whine.

Restaurants are enforcing stricter rules that limit the behavior of patrons, be they adults, parents or children. Some won't allow children in. It's not snobbery or discrimination. They need to look out for their clientele.

Children learn manners from their parents. Some children take longer to learn than others, and it is up to the parents to make sure the lessons are not taught at a restaurant. Take it outside.

While they're at it, you can take your phone outside, too.



ON FILE

The following people have filed as candidates to run for county offices in the March 2006 primary election. D=Democrat, R=Republican.

Lake County Clerk

Willard R. Helander R

Lake County Treasurer

Robert Skidmore R

Lake County Sheriff

Gary Del Re R

Regional School Supt.

Roycealee J. Wood R

Lake County Board—Dist. 2

Diane Hewitt D
Brandon R. Rohrdanz D

Lake County Board—Dist. 3

Suzi Schmidt R

Lake County Board—Dist. 4

Jack H. Senter, Jr. R
Brent C. Paxton R

Lake County Board—Dist. 7

Kurt Anderson D
Steve Carlson R

Lake County Board—Dist. 8

Bill Durkin D

Lake County Board—Dist. 9

Mary A. Ross Cunningham D

Lake County Board—Dist. 12

Angelo D. Kyle D

Lake County Board—Dist. 13

Susan Loving Gravenhorst R
Scott J. Helton R

Lake County Board—Dist. 15

Delfino "Del" Parra D
Carol Calabresa R

Lake County Board—Dist. 17

Stevenson Mountsier R

Lake County Board—Dist. 18

John B. Sonnenberg D
Pamela O. Newton R

Lake County Board—Dist. 19

Michael S. Talbott R

Lake County Board—Dist. 20

Marc Tepper D
David B. Stolman R

Lake County Board—Dist. 21

Ann B. Maine R

Lake County Board—Dist. 22

Carol Spielman D

North Shore San. Dist.—Ward 1

John R. Paxton R

North Shore San. Dist.—Ward 4

James E. Swarthout R

SEEING IT THROUGH

John Matijevich

COMMENTARY

CIA leak case—freedom of press or managing the news

By now, everyone knows all about the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) "leak case." It is a very complicated case, and it is becoming a "multi-monster" for both the Bush administration, in particular, and the journalistic profession, in general.

At different times, I have written here about the importance of a free press and why reporters should be protected against revealing their sources on information they provide the public. Many abuses and scandals have been exposed because reporters have used sources within government to inform the public about such wrongdoing.

I have also supported "shield laws," which protect reporters from having to tell who their sources were that led to the exposé, or reporting. Illinois has such a law. That protection is needed so that government is not allowed to use its enormous powers to punish or intimidate those who "leak" information to expose abuses in government.

The CIA leak case has brought the subject of leaks to the media, as well as revealing the sources of those leaks, to a heightened awareness. It has raised the issue of whether leaks precipitated by the government were done in the public's best interests, or to mold a policy agenda by some in the highest places of government.

At the heart of the matter, the leak case has led many more Americans to now believe that they have been betrayed by those policymakers who may have framed the reasons that led to the invasion of Iraq. The special prosecutors in the leak case have warned not to read any of that into the case, but it is a fact that the American public has lost patience, both in the many mistakes that have been made, and the mishandling of any strategy in the "post-war."

The reason that I have always supported the press in protecting its sources is because many abuses of government excesses and corruption have come from "whistleblowers" who certainly would be trampled upon if their names would be revealed. The CIA leak case is so different because the "apparent leakers" come from the highest levels of government.

What I am saying is that the issue of who leaks to the press and the one of reporters accepting that information to divulge the information to the public should be a "two-way street." In other words, it carries a huge responsibility to the public from both sides. Ordinarily, the leaker knows that the only way that a wrong can be

made right is by exposing it to the public, and the reporter knows that the only way to get out the full and truthful story is by not revealing the source of the information. In that case, the public good is served.

Let's face it, at every level of government, the "officials" often have their "pets" in the media. They feed information to those who may give the best slant on the news. When government is prone to "spin" the news to satisfy its own political agenda, such a policy can be dangerous. What would be wrong with sharing all of that news to the general media, and let the public decide, after all of the media has reported on it, their own "spin?"

I said early on here that reporters have been very nervous about the leak case because it may infringe on their First Amendment rights of a free press. What many of them are worried about is that by cozying up to the "movers and shakers" in government, they are given "leaked information," or what is often called a "scoop," that isn't fed to others in the media. They don't want to lose that "source."

The problem with that, government-media relationship can often allow the government to "manage the news." Believe me, to allow the highest levels of government to manage the news can be just as damaging to the public as corruption in government.

When it comes to leaking information, I must say that government officials in high places, as well as some in the media, instead of being upset with the way Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is handling the investigation, they might pattern the way he has handled leaks from his investigation. He hasn't tolerated any leaks—period. That's in stark contrast to other past prosecutors, and surely government "spin-doctors," no matter the political party, can take a lesson from him.

The CIA leak case, and all of its complicated ramifications, may be the most important federal investigation in many, many decades.

In the end, if it helps all of us Americans to achieve an honest and open government, and a press that is free and independent, we will all have been served well. Right now, I have a feeling that Patrick Fitzgerald will go down in history as one who led an investigation that had as its primary focus that government is still of the people, by the people, and for the people—not of government, by government, and for government.

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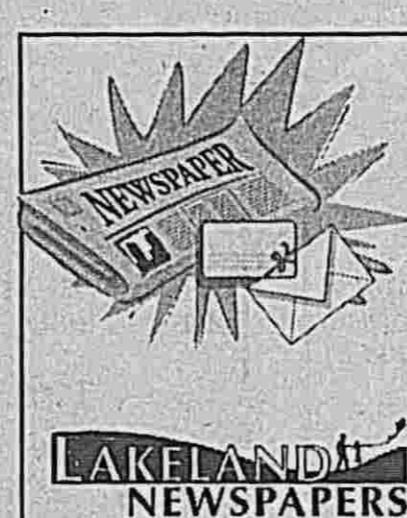
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Federal money hopes to make splash at lakefront

The city of Waukegan took another step toward redeveloping its lakefront on Dec. 12, when Congressman **Mark Kirk** (R-Highland Park) announced at the Waukegan Yacht Club that he had secured a \$2.6 million federal earmark to help fund the economic revitalization of Waukegan Harbor.

Kirk was joined by Waukegan Mayor **Richard Hyde** and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Colonel **Gary Johnston** at the announcement.

"By putting money on the table we can finally begin the process of formal planning (for the harbor)," Kirk said.

Johnston said the Army Corps of Engineers would use the \$2.6 million to do preliminary dredging in portions of the harbor. Those efforts will lead into an environmental cleanup that is being planned by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to remove Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) from the harbor.

Hyde said the project would function as a maintenance program for the harbor that would be another step toward making the lakefront a more economically viable area of the city.

"Anything done on Genesee Street and the lakefront will have a ripple effect on the whole (downtown revitalization) project," he said.

Carlson swipes back

District 7 Lake County Board Member **Steve Carlson** (R-Gurnee) responded to a

comment from last week's "Party Lines" column about former Lake County Board Chairman **Bob Depke** who said Carlson does not know what he is doing because he votes one way on an issue and then apologizes for it later.

"If Bob Depke has never apologized for any action he has taken in Lake County, he should have," Carlson said. "Just look around you."

Maybe it's why he didn't run against Obama

According to one Lake County board member who attended the **Mike Ditka** fundraiser/endorsement of **David McSweeney** for the Republican nomination for the Eighth Congressional District, Ditka said, "I could never run for congress. I would have to kick Ted Kennedy's ass."

Move in first

During executive session at Monday night's Mundelein Village Board meeting, the trustees voted 5-1 to allow negotiations for community development director **John Lobaito** to serve as the village administrator.

Trustee **Terri Voss** voted against the item. "I have said from the beginning of this search that I would not be willing to consider a candidate a viable candidate unless the person lives in Mundelein. John Lobaito refuses to move to Mundelein," she said.

Changed his mind

Libertyville's village board voted 4-2 to allow a special use permit for XSport Fitness to move into Greentree Plaza. The permit goes against the village's comprehensive plan.

Trustee **Robert Peron** voted against the permit this week and apologized for his vote on Sept. 27 to allow the permit. He said voting against the comprehensive plan "disrespects" three years of work. "I made a major mistake," he said. Peron helped form the comprehensive plan, which he says is the "backbone" of future plans for the village.



Kirk: Planning for harbor can start



Carlson: Responds to Depke charge

Boob tube

Fox Lake Trustee **Carol Ulasy** questioned the police department's purchase of a large-screen TV it ended up, maybe because of the spirit of the season, in jest. Police officials said the TV is needed for training videos so it could host more classes.

Trustees were in a good mood this only meeting of December, granting a developer an extension for a hotel and water park plan and poking fun at each other.



Voss: Wants community director to live in village



Ulasy: Questions village purchase of TV

Salvi staying put

Eighth Congressional District candidate **Kathy Salvi** issued the following statement in response to the request by **Jim Oberweis** that she consider running for Lt Governor.

"I am very flattered that Jim Oberweis thought I should consider running for Lt Governor. He is a principled conservative who wants to make Illinois a better place. But my

first priority and passion is to represent the people of the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois. They need someone who will stand up for them in Washington, D.C. That is why I am running and that is why I will defeat liberal **Melissa Bean** next November."

Salvi filed her petition to run for Congress at the State Board of Elections in Springfield.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yes, Lakeland, there is a Santa Claus

For Allkids

Our society is unwilling to make the sacrifice to guarantee health care for all of its children, those who are the most vulnerable. That says something about us. But I am proud that our legislature has passed the Allkids law, which guarantees health care for all Illinois children.

I am not proud that my representative, Ed Sullivan (R-Mundelein), voted against Allkids. His usual excuse is that it will cost the government too much money. Maybe he doesn't realize that everyone can't afford health insurance for themselves or their kids. And that it also costs the government when we can't pay our medical bills. I think my representative has all of his priorities wrong. They aren't my priorities.

Pat DeBeers
Lake Zurich

know what they really voted yes to on the 2001 referendum.

The citizens of this community voted for an increase from 1.710 percent to 2.105 percent as stated on the referendum ballot. That is not the case. The district tax increase has exceeded the stated amount. As far as I am concerned what the district is doing is deceiving.

This is the reason why this community has such a hard time passing referendums. The district needs to be forthcoming. After this who will vote yes again? What is this board thinking?

It is not illegal what district 127 is doing. But you be the judge, is it right to take more money from the taxpayers than was asked for on the referendum ballot?

The District is allowed to phase in the referendum over five years which means even more money will be taken from the taxpayers than listed on the ballot?

Barbara Gillman
Grayslake

are perpetrated by "unknown strangers" or random attackers, in truth the vast majority (85%) of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the survivor knows and trusts.

By having to see people they might otherwise avoid, survivors are often triggered into remembering aspects of their abuse that might not be an issue other times of the year. As a result, depression may be more pronounced and anxiety levels higher as these individuals are faced with reminders of painful incidents and occurrences.

If you are a survivor facing the holidays with something less than excitement and anticipation, remember to set realistic goals for yourself about what you can and cannot handle regarding family gatherings. It's OK to say no and to be assertive about your needs and concerns. But try not to focus on the negative aspects of the coming season. Instead make a list of the things you are looking forward to doing and the people with whom you are looking forward to seeing.

If you know a survivor who is facing a difficult holiday season, you can help to reduce their trauma by simply being there for them and listening to their fears and concerns. The key is to be respectful of their feelings and supportive of how difficult this time of year can be. Remember that LaCASA's hotline 847-872-7799 is always available when things become too stressful. Our counselors and advocates offer many services that could ease some of the difficulties that may arise this upcoming holiday season.

Torrie Flink
Executive Director
Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault
Gurnee

Wonders of Lake County

I enjoyed your article on the "Wonders of Lake County," but I was surprised that the College of Lake County was not among the top choices.

The College was chartered by the people for the people of the County and serves almost 16,000 students each semester. We have campuses in Grayslake and Waukegan as well as an Educational Center located in Vernon Hills. CLC offers a variety of educational options, including programs which transfer to four year colleges or universities; programs that will help students gain credentials and training to move directly into a career; and non-credit programs to support the various needs of life-long learners.

The College of Lake County's Business and Industry Training Center, Community Development Programs, English as a Second Language offerings, and cultural programs touch many, many residents of Lake County.

I know I have a certain bias in this regard, but I think that the College of Lake County is one of the greatest resources in northern Illinois. I am sure that many others will agree.

Jean V. Kartje Ph.D.
Dean, Communication Arts,
Humanities & Fine Arts
College of Lake County

Connection made

Please join me in recognizing and thanking TDS Metrocom, the GLMV Chamber of Commerce, and the police departments of Libertyville and Vernon Hills for their support of "Operation Connect."

This ongoing joint project will allow men and women of the military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to connect with their loved ones at home via hi-tech video conferencing. It was a privilege to witness the kick-off event and be able to send our good wishes to the troops with the help of the video and audio technology provided by TDS.

For more information on how to participate in "Operation Connect" visit the chamber Web site at www.glmvchamber.org/opn_connect.cfm. It truly is an honor to represent a community that cares so much for its own but especially those families who are separated during the holiday season. Special thanks to those who made this happen.

Kathy Ryg
State Representative, 59th District
Vernon Hills

D127 tax increases exceed stated amount

The taxpayers in District 127 need to

Raising awareness

It's natural to think of gatherings at home and being with family during the holiday season. But for survivors of sexual assault and incest, the holidays can be a difficult and stressful time of year. Unfortunately, their home and family might be the very things that make the holidays burdensome.

The holidays regularly include "mandatory" get togethers with seldom seen family members with whom socialization is minimal. Occasionally, the family is the place where a survivor was not supported during his or her ordeal, making intimate gatherings strenuous and painful.

While it may be more "comfortable" for people to think that most sexual assaults

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Baxter, county partner on trail project

Local wildlife and neighbors living along the Millennium Trail route in western Lake County stand to benefit from an environmental partnership between the Lake County Forest Preserves and Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

Baxter granted a trail easement through a portion of its Round Lake campus, north of Route 120 and Wilson Road, to the Forest Preserves to allow for the connection of the Millennium Trail to adjacent Marl Flat Forest Preserve near Volo.

Baxter also will provide landscaping on their land adjacent to the trail easement. With the Forest Preserve's landscaping on the trail easement, this will create natural areas on either side of the trail corridor.

Engineering is now underway along this section of the planned 35-mile Millennium Trail, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-2006, pending receipt of all regulatory permits. The trail will run east-west adjacent to the Valley Lakes subdivision within the trail easement located on Baxter property. It will also pass through a small portion of Nature's Cove subdivision where it will connect to Marl Flat. In December 2002, Baxter sold 71 acres to the Lake County Forest Preserves adjacent to Marl Flat, expanding the Preserve to 207 acres.

"This is an ideal location and solution," said Bonnie Thomson Carter, president of Lake County Forest Preserves. "It meets the needs of our neighbors and creates new native plant

and animal habitats. We hope trail users will feel like they are walking through the middle of a forest preserve."

Baxter's partnership with the Forest Preserves offers a unique opportunity to make a good trail project even better for the community and especially for adjacent homeowners. The Forest Preserve's 50-foot-wide trail corridor will include a 12-foot-wide gravel trail for hiking and biking and a natural landscaped buffer area.

In an effort to place a more natural buffer between the Millennium Trail and the homeowners' property, Baxter will landscape an additional 50-foot-wide corridor on their property next to the trail to help widen the trail environment. With the extra width, a 38-foot natural landscaping buffer will be created between the trail and homeowners' property. In addition, Baxter will work with the Forest Preserves to establish natural areas on both sides of the trail to encourage the growth of native prairie and woodland species. When complete, the trail will be framed by native trees, grasses, and plants designed to attract a variety of wildlife and create a scenic passage-way.

"We have been enthusiastic supporters of the Millennium Trail project for several years, and look forward to continuing our support through this latest initiative," said Joe Wolfsberger, vice president of Environment, Health and Safety for Baxter.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Affordable housing clinic

The Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County, a nonprofit agency, has monthly homeownership clinics for prospective home buyers. AHC provides up to \$15,000 to be used toward downpayment and closing costs, as well as low-interest loans with no mortgage insurance.

They will pull your credit report, show you how to estimate how much you can afford, how to get approved for a loan, and how to resolve credit issues. Next meeting is Dec. 17, at 9:30 a.m. Call 847-263-7478, or go to www.ahclc.org for details.

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) - Individual Phone Conferences

The Lake County Regional Office of Education, in cooperation with the Teachers' Retirement System, is scheduling telephone conferences in this area for Jan. 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., at 15-minute intervals.

Members of the Retirement System who have questions about their benefits may request a telephone conference with a TRS counselor to be scheduled for that day. If you would like to speak with a TRS benefits counselor, call the Lake County Regional Office of Education, 847-543-7833, ext. 305, to request a Telephone Conference Request form that must be completed and returned to the Lake County Regional Office of Education by Dec. 22.

Call Nick Stabler, benefits counselor at TRS at 800-877-7896, ext. 2350 for more details.

Volunteer tutor orientation

Orientation registration is underway for persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors for the Lake County Adult Learning Connection. The next orientation begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4 and will be held at the Warren-Newport Public Library in Gurnee.

Volunteer tutors are needed to tutor low-literate or non-English speaking adults from throughout Lake County. All individuals wanting to become certified tutors must attend the orientation and the subsequent series of workshops. The preservice workshops are at the College of Lake County in Grayslake and start on Jan. 7.

For more information about the Lake County Adult Learning Connection or to register for the orientation call Iris at 847-543-2024.

Snowmobile safety event

In observance of International Snowmobile Safety Week on Jan. 8-14, 2006, the Northeastern Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs, along with the Lake Co. Forest Preserve Ranger Police, will be hosting a "Snowmobile Safety Celebration" on Jan. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lakewood Forest Preserve, Shelter E, in Wauconda.

The purpose of this event, now in its sixth year, is to educate the public and promote the on-going snowmobile safety programs in Lake County and the benefits of belonging to a snowmobile club.

For more information on this event or information on upcoming classes visit the



Photo by Annie Christie

(Above) Margaret McSweeney stands alongside her husband and Dist. 8 congressional candidate David McSweeney as they talk to Victoria Anderko of Grayslake during the Lake County Young Republicans' Holiday Party at Mickey Finns in Libertyville. (Below) Dave Field, Pat Gosewisch, Leslie Krarora and Kelly Gosewisch chat during the event.



NIASC Web site at www.niasc.org or call the Ranger Police at 847-968-3411.

Radon testing kits available

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is encouraging residents to check the radon levels of their homes or apartments.

Short-term test kits are available through the Health Department for \$10. The cost includes return postage, laboratory analysis and interpretation by Health Department staff. Test kits are also available from area hardware and building supply stores.

For additional information, contact the Health Department's Environment Health Services at 847-377-8030.

Call for gender conference proposals

The deadline for submitting proposals for the

College of Lake County's 4th Annual Gender Conference is Jan. 6, 2006. "Gender Works: Building an Equitable Future for All" will be at the College of Lake County on April 21-22, 2006.

Conference participants will present and discuss their academic work and ideas on gender issues. The conference will seek to dispel the myth of gender-defined work and promote dialog on gender work, in order to create an equitable workforce for everyone. Projects may be in the form of research, critical essay, personal essay, proposal for plan of action, multi-media presentation, slide presentation, photo display or performance art.

Presenters must submit their proposals by Jan. 6 and will be notified of the status of their entry later in January. Topic suggestions, guidelines, registration and program information can be found on the Women's Center Web site at www.cllcillinois.edu/womenscenter.

For more information, call 847-543-2771. Proposals may be e-mailed to womcen@clcllinois.edu or faxed to 847-543-3955, attention Teresa Aguilardo. The Women's Center is located in room B212 in the Student Services Center at the Grayslake Campus.

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CIS information sessions

Learn about growing career opportunities in Computer Information Systems (CIS) at an information session at the College of Lake County. You can attend a session on Jan. 5 from 7 to 8 p.m. It will be in room T232 on the Grayslake Campus.

Topics of special interest will be CLC's new Associate in Science transfer degree and new classes in Game Programming and Computer Forensics.

Five new courses focused on hot trends in the industry are being introduced in the Computer Information Systems program during the spring 2006 semester at CLC, which begins Jan. 17. The new courses are Computer Forensics I (CIS 299-001), Computer Forensics II (CIS 299-002), Game Development I (CIS 299-003), Project Management Software (CIS 299-004) and SQL-Server Administration (CIS 299-005).

For more information on CIS, call the Business Division Office at 847-543-2041 or Ellen Dykeman, Computer Information Systems program coordinator at 847-543-2521 or via e-mail at edykeman@clcillinois.edu.

Rogers completes four leases

Arthur J. Rogers & Co., a partner in The CORE Network, announced that Norman Ross, vice president of the firm, recently completed four leases throughout the Chicagoland area.

FX Reprographics, a blueprint reproduction service provider, has renewed 15,000 square feet of industrial space within Rogers Executive Park at 50 Lakeview Parkway, Suites 112-115 in Vernon Hills. Ross also completed a 2,700 square foot new industrial lease at 1586 Barclay Boulevard within Rogers Centre for Commerce in Buffalo Grove.

Tom Blair, Inc., a television production company, also completed a 2,630 square foot lease transaction within Rogers Centre for Commerce. In the final transaction, Ross leased 1,860 square feet of industrial space to Texmac, Inc. The circuit board testing firm leased the space at 224 Terrace Drive within the Terrace Trade Center in Mundelein. The firm cited the location and ability to customize the space as reasons for their selection. Ross represented ownership and the tenant in the lease transaction.

Extension receives funding

The Lake County Extension Foundation and University of Illinois Extension Lake County acknowledges the contribution of Laurie Tansey. Tansey is an employee of Discover Financial Services (a Morgan Stanley Company) and has volunteered with U of I Extension in numerous capacities. In September 2003, Laurie joined the Lake County Advisory Council and served as the chairperson of the marketing committee.

Laurie has been personally responsible for both the foundation and the extension receiving funding to further our mission of providing life skills training to both adults and youth.

AARP tax-aide seeks volunteers for 2006

This year AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer tax-aide counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. You do not need to be an AARP member.

Tax counselors receive tax training in North Chicago in January 2006 and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They help customers one-on-one at tax sites all over Lake County. Counseling is usually done in the morning. For more information about becoming a local AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, call Joe Favero in Waukegan at 847-244-0567.

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Medline hits \$2 billion in sales

Sales growth projected to Exceed 10 percent

Medline Industries, Inc., the nation's largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of healthcare supplies announced this week that the company hit \$2 billion in sales this week and projects 2005 and 2006 sales growth of more than 10 percent. In just the past five years, the company has doubled its sales volume. Over that same period Medline has averaged between 10 and 15 percent growth each year, significantly outpacing the sales growth of its major competitors.

Based in Mundelein, Medline is the leading direct supplier of medical supplies with a ranking of No. 163 on Forbes magazine's list of the top 500 private companies. Company executives credit exemplary "can do" culture and a company-wide strategy to find innovative solutions that are guaranteed to provide real value to customers.

"There are two simple things at the core of our success great employees and great customers. Medline has the best employees working to gain the most loyal customer base in the industry. We've been fortunate to combine an extremely knowledgeable sales force of nearly 800 professionals in North America with thousands of other hard-working employees," said Medline President Andy Mills. "Everyone at Medline focuses on providing the best customer service and the greatest value through innovative programs and products that really answer our customers' needs."

Creating value

Medline has a history of success rooted in being able to meet customer needs with product and program innovation. Examples of these products and programs include:

First colored surgeon's gown designed to help reduce glare and ease eye fatigue.

Proxima surgical gowns use the most technically advanced fabric from DuPont, called Suprel™ to provide the strongest, softest and most breathable gowns providing crucial comfort and protection to surgeons who spend hours in the operating room.

HaloShield® antimicrobial textiles with advanced technology has been shown to be 99.9 percent effective at killing dangerous bacteria such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

Aloetouch® gloves, the first gloves to use a freeze-dried aloe coating. Aloetouch gloves help promote proper hand hygiene by moisturizing, hydrating and soothing the skin.

Arglaes® and Silvasorb® advanced wound care dressings with impregnated silver that helps prevent infection without the use of antibiotics.

Educare® hotline for wound care product support. Hotline is supervised by board-certified ET/WOC nurses so callers can speak directly to a nurse and get answers to questions about wound and skin care product use.

Fit Right Program helps nursing homes provide the proper fit for incontinence prod-

ucts helping to meet CMS guidelines and reduce costs.

Compass program for survey readiness. A comprehensive system of educational aids, best-practice protocols and clinical tools that help clinicians meet standards of practice, improve care outcomes and be "survey-ready" all the time.

Clinical Education programs that provide ongoing education for nursing staff that can positively impact major industry challenges including quality of care, staff development and financial status.

Guaranteed cost containment

Healthcare facilities are feeling financial pressure from reimbursement cuts and competition. As a manufacturer that delivers direct to the healthcare facility, Medline eliminates the middleman and offers manufacturer-direct pricing. Jim Abrams, chief operating officer for Medline, said that being both a manufacturer and a distributor gives Medline distinct advantages over its competitors, especially in terms of delivering value and cost savings to its customers. Each of Medline's cost containment programs offers a guaranteed savings component.

"We've significantly expanded our infrastructure of distribution centers to provide cost management solutions both as a manufacturer and prime vendor to hospitals and IDNs nationwide," said Abrams. "When a healthcare facility anywhere in the country needs medical supplies our massive network of distribution centers and fleet of delivery trucks ensure that we can deliver the next day."

Medline has experienced continuous rapid growth in distribution capabilities within just the past five years. Since 2000, Medline has gone from owning three and leasing 12

branches to now owning 16 new world-class, fully integrated distribution centers and leasing 12. Over this same period, Medline has increased its distribution area by more than 3 million sq. ft.

Nearly 2,000 employees in Lake County

Medline is one of the largest employers in Lake County, with nearly 2,000 employees and more than 5,000 in North America. Medline distributes more than 100,000 products to hospitals, extended care facilities, surgery centers, hospital laundries, home care dealers and agencies and other alternate site markets from its 28 distribution centers in the U.S. With seven manufacturing facilities in North America, Medline manufactures 70 percent of the products it sells.

History dates back to 1910

Medline's roots date back to 1910 when A.L. Mills, the great-grandfather of the current owners, had a garment factory that manufactured textile products for general industry and the medical field. In 1930, A.L.'s son Irving took over the business. Following World War II, building hospitals became a priority in the country, and consequently, Irving turned all of his efforts on making textiles for the medical marketplace and expanded to general medical supplies.

In 1966, Irving's sons, Jim and Jon, with five other employee shareholders, redeveloped the business as Medline Industries, Inc. The company moved from Northbrook to its current headquarters in Mundelein in 1984 when sales were \$111 million. Today, Charlie Mills, Andy Mills and Jim Abrams are the fourth generation to manage the company, along with 60 employee owners.

More information about Medline can be found at www.medline.com.

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Treat Yourself to a Massage

Massages are offered on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee depends on length of massage (30, 60, or 90 minutes). Call 847-535-8500 for an appointment.

Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria on a daily basis. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 847-535-6176.

CareCoach

CareCoach is our mobile health van. Check out the schedule at lakeforesthospital.com for the various CareCoach sites.

CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER

Condell Acute Care Centers offer free diabetes screening

Diabetes is on the rise in the United States. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, another 6.2 million people are unaware that they have the disease.

If you have not been checked for diabetes recently, visit one of Condell's Condell Acute Care Centers for a free screening offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, through December 31. The test requires fasting eight to 12 hours in advance.

For further information, call one of the Condell Acute Care Centers:

Buffalo Grove: 150 Half Day Rd., 847-215-0000

Gurnee: 6440 Grand Ave., 847-249-2800

Round Lake Beach: 2 E. Rollins Rd., 847-740-2500

Vernon Hills: 6 Phillip Rd., 847-680-0500

Breastfeeding Support Group

If you feel frustrated or isolated, or simply lack knowledge about breastfeeding, join nurse experts at Condell's new breastfeeding support group. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Condell Day Center, 700 Garfield Ave., Libertyville. 847-990-5407.

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY

Health Department Offers Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Free breast and cervical cancer screenings are offered to eligible Lake County women through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), located at the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center. Through the program, women can receive, at no cost to them, a complete medical examination, a clinical breast exam and a pap test, as well as referral for a free mammogram at a local hospital. Ongoing yearly exams and medical follow-up are provided. Women 35 years of age or older, who are underinsured or uninsured, and whose family income does not exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines are eligible for this free program. Examinations are done at the clinics of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, also through private providers, and are by appointment. To find out if you are eligible, please call the Health Department at 847-377-8430.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

With the holiday season approaching, I wanted to tell you about something that my family does every year. I think this will be valuable information for your readers! We believe that the holidays are more about giving than getting. Each year, we have our kids round up the toys that are gathering dust or the toys they have outgrown, that are still in good condition, and have them help us get them in order to donate to charity so other kids who are less fortunate can have toys to play with. We have found that involving our kids in the process has been very rewarding. Our kids love this ritual as much as they love getting the new toys. We also do this with our clothing each year. We believe that kids should know how to have fun giving as well as getting and I hope that by sharing this with your readers, more people will do the same thing. D.K.

Dear D.K.,

What a wonderful thought and ritual. I think that many of us do get caught up in what we will get as opposed to what we will give. Especially kids. When you think about it, the actual real meaning of the holidays is about giving to others. We also all get caught up in what we will get for others in our family, as opposed to the many out there who don't have the ability to even get

Toys can teach kids about giving to others

for their own family.

I think it would be wonderful if everyone who reads this column did this very thing with their kids. All of us have toys and games laying around the house that don't get used anymore but are in good condition. We also all have articles of clothing that we haven't worn in decades, that are in great condition, that are (be honest) 5 sizes too small, but we still hang on to that notion that we will fit into them again, come "H.E. double hockey sticks" or high water! Wouldn't that article of clothing or lonely toy be better used by someone who didn't have it, than by your closet or shelf?

There is another neat little thing that is available to do around this time of year. Our family tries to do this each and every year. Usually, the bigger department stores have Christmas trees with the names of kids, hanging in the tree. Each name represents a child that is in need. We usually go and get a few names each year and get them something they need. The note-card usually tells you what the age is and also what they need, so you know what to get for them. Kids usually love this, because they are learning how to feel important by giving. There is no feeling like it in the world. Toys R Us and Babies R Us usually have cards for donating money gifts to be used toward the purchases of toys for kids that don't have any. Toys for tots is also really doing a great promotion this year through UPS and other locations. I know that the Grayslake Jewel has a box at the front for Toys for tots. We are going to make a special trip to Jewel just so our kids can pick out some toys to put in that box.

Along a similar line, those that know me, know that I love animals in a big way too and another thing we do at this time of year is make sure to take food, toys and donations to several animal shelters. A couple of them that I know of are Save a Pet in

Round Lake and Orphan's of the Storm in Riverwoods. There are many more. Many of you have pets that you and your kids love. This is another way to help your kids learn the meaning of the fun of giving.

Let's all take part this year in D.K.'s ritual. Make sure to help your kids feel special by giving to others. Instead of adults getting all the things together for giving in a quiet way, involve your kids so that they can learn from being involved with it. We all get so much more out of life by giving than by getting!

So, get out there and give!

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid's attention, behavior and processing skills. For an appointment, please call 847-231-5644 or 708-962-2549.

Condell provides cold and flu facts

Condell Medical Center recently asked several members of the medical staff to provide facts about colds and flu. Here is what they had to say.

Q. What are the differences between the common cold and influenza (the flu)?

A. Family practitioner Guy Abderholden, MD, responded, "Common cold symptoms usually include a low-grade fever, chills, runny or stuffy nose, watery eyes, sneezing and a cough. Symptoms of the flu include high fever and chills lasting days, headache, body aches, fatigue, weakness, eye and muscle pain, and a dry cough. Neither of these viral illnesses will respond to antibiotics."

Q. What can you do if you catch a cold?

A. Family practitioner Jason Johnson, MD indicates, "A cold is an upper respiratory condition caused by a virus. Because antibiotics do not affect viruses, taking an antibiotic will not shorten the cold's duration. It's best to get rest, drink fluids, and eat right. Over-the-counter medications, such as acetaminophen, decongestant, and cough suppressants may help with your discomfort."

Q. Should you starve a fever and feed a cold?

A. Internist Jennifer Bare, MD, suggests, "Always feed a fever. A fever can deplete your body of fluid, so you need to stay hydrated. At least eight ounces of fluid, eight times per day is needed when you have a fever above 101°F. Drink fluids such as water, Gatorade or chicken noodle soup."

Q. Who should receive the flu vaccine?

A. Family practitioner Irina Harag, MD explains, "The flu vaccine should be administered to everyone, but certain groups have a higher risk of getting the flu. These groups include children aged six to 23 months, people 65 years of age or older, adults and children with chronic conditions such as diabetes, and travelers in areas where the flu is likely to be circulating."

Q. How do you know when to see the doctor if you have the cold or the flu?

A. Internist Mohina Gupta, MD, advises, "Any symptoms of upper respiratory infection lasting more than four to five days, including persistent fever and cough, warrant a visit to the doctor. People with conditions like asthma, and diabetes need to call earlier."

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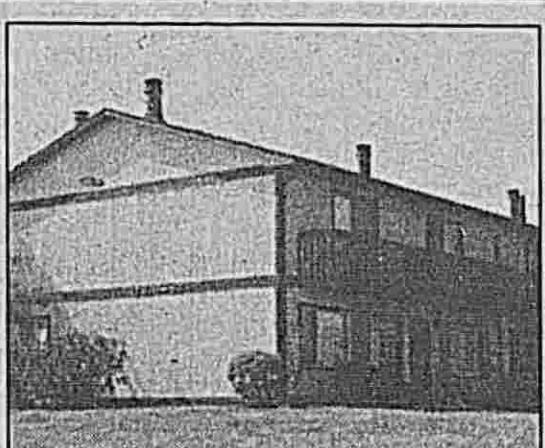
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Home details

LR:	20x121	Rooms:	5
DR:	Combo 1	Baths:	2.1
KIT:	12x121	Pets Allowed:	
MB:	14x13	Waterfront:	
BR2	16x10	Appr. sq. ft. 1200	
BR3:	15x132	Built:	1986

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626 Aspen Way
Antioch
\$359,900

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Home details

LR:	14x121	FP:	1
KIT:	24x171	Rooms:	7
MB:	20x162	Baths:	2.1
BR2	12x122	Built:	New
BR3:	11x112		

2004 taxes: \$125.76

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Home details

LR:	18x121	BR4:	13x122
DR:	14x121	Fireplace:	1
KIT:	16x131	Rooms:	9
FR:	21x181	Bedrooms:	4
MB:	20x162	Baths:	3.1
BR2	14x122	Built:	2005
BR3:	14x122		

2004 taxes: New

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It's a wonderful time of the year to sell a home

If you are adding a "For Sale" sign to your home's outdoor holiday decorations this season, bring cheer inside your home to attract buyers.

"Selling your home over the holidays can be a good thing. Buyers during this time of year are just as serious about finding a house as sellers are about getting rid of theirs," said Patrick O'Rourke, regional vice president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Set your home apart from the others by staging it to sell this holiday season:

- Celebrate thoughtfully. Homeowners should show off their home's architectural features through decorating rather than showcase their own belongings. "Showing a home during the holidays is a chance to reveal it at its very best, but be aware that not all home shoppers are celebrating the same holiday as you," said O'Rourke. "Keep holiday decorations as a seasonal accent so buyers see the home, not just the adornments."

- Be timely. Holiday decorations can annoy potential buyers if they are put out too soon, or left out too long. If possible, wait to put the decorations up until after Thanksgiving, and take them down by the first weekend in January.

- Leverage the season. Get buyers into the holiday spirit with housewarming scents. Try boiling cinnamon sticks on the stove or have pine-scented potpourri placed around the house to create a holiday atmosphere. Maintain a clear driveway and keep porches and walkways free of all debris, snow and ice before buyers tour your home.

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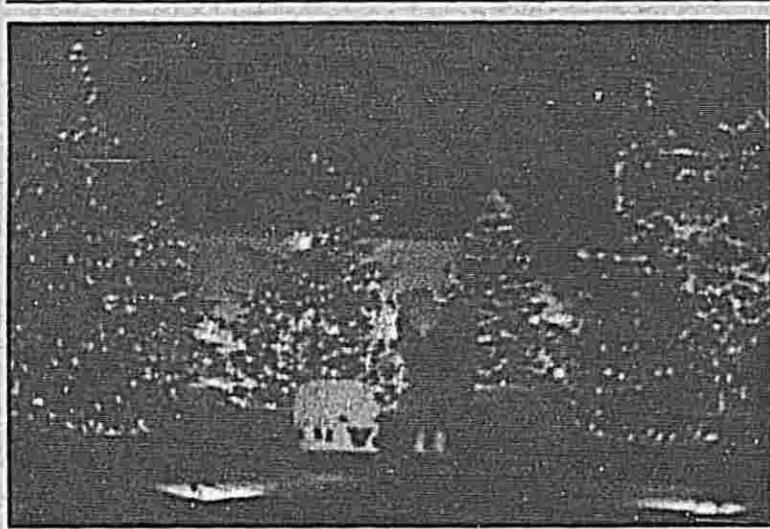
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SILENT LIGHTS, HOLY LIGHTS

The La Salette Festival of Lights, featuring 50,000 glittering lights at the La Salette Shrine on Hwy. KD, just south of Twin Lakes and North of the Antioch Twp. border, drew thousands of visitors from Lake County.

December 21, 1990

30 YEARS AGO 1975

A final decision on the future of a picnic area near Six Flags in Gurnee proposed by Marriott was ready for a vote after months of arguing over the issue.

Gurnee trustees took a giant step by voting to turn down the purported recommendations to send the matter of proper usage of the land to the zoning board of appeals.

Attorney George Weaver, who represented residents of the Oakwood subdivision near the site, submitted a letter to the village reiterating the facts for the objections on the picnic area, which was planned to be south of the subdivision on the west side of Route 21.

20 YEARS AGO 1985

Sketch plans for the West Trails Subdivision, the newest subdivision of sin-

gle-family homes proposed for Grayslake at the time, was given the nod of approval by both the village board and the Grayslake planning commission.

Developer John Waldenstrom said pre-sales of the lots had been good with several lots already committed to by builders and others on option.

15 YEARS AGO 1990

Then-Grayslake Mayor Marvin Smith announced that the village was purchasing the First of America Bank building at 33 S. Whitney St. for use as a new village hall.

The purchase had been discussed previously by the board, which authorized the mayor's negotiations with the bank. Originally, the board had approved negotiations "up to \$700,000."

—Compiled by Matt Pera

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Health Dept. to offer more flu clinics

If you haven't received your flu shot yet, vaccine is still available. The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is offering flu clinics in December and January at the Belvidere Annex Immunization Clinic, at 2303 Dodge Avenue in Waukegan. No appointment is necessary.

The clinic will offer flu shots on the following dates and times: Dec. 17, from 9 a.m.-noon; Monday, Dec. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 22, from 9 to 11 a.m.; Thursday, Jan. 5, from 9 to 11 a.m.; Jan. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m.

"While the best time to get vaccinated is in October or November, you can still benefit from getting a shot," said Dale Galassie,

the Health Department's Executive Director. "Flu activity generally peaks between late December and March. Once you get vaccinated, your body will make protective antibodies in about two weeks."

Persons 65 and over should bring their Medicare part B cards to the clinics, which will cover the cost of the flu and pneumonia vaccines. Those not on Medicare part B will be charged \$25 for the flu vaccine and \$35 for the pneumonia vaccine. Medicaid and Kidcare are also accepted.

In addition to getting a flu shot, the Health Department is promoting three other practices that help prevent the flu: cover your mouth when you cough; regularly wash your hands for 20 seconds; and stay home when you are sick.

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By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

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"Each year, someone comes up to the farm on Christmas Eve and we always sell them a tree," Richardson said.

NWNG names four to new roles

Four current NorthWest News Group associates have been appointed to new roles within the organization, NWNG Group Publisher John Rung announced Friday.

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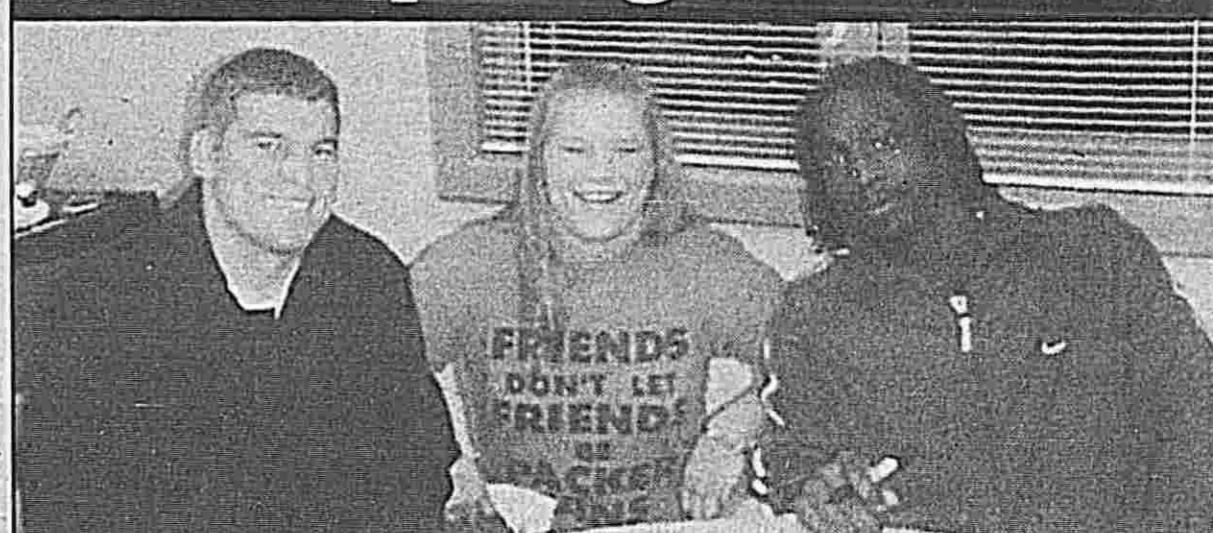
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WRESTLING

Carmel enjoys the spoils of a big roster as Wauconda can hardly fill one out



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BASKETBALL

Warren, Grant play local goliaths while Mundelein rebuilds



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For the love of the game

By Dan Patrick
Sports Editor

Just the simple words "college football" now evoke thoughts of an ever-growing commercial empire with merchandising, bowl games with sponsor names and stadiums packed with tens of thousands of fans more concerned with getting on TV than watching the games.

However, there are other games out there for players who might not have been the prototypical athlete. Who were good, maybe even great, but not spectacular. The increasingly rare breed of athletes who simply play the game because they love it.

Libertyville football coach Randy Kuceyeski created a fair for smaller colleges to give them a chance to meet up with area football players. For some colleges, it gives them a chance to meet a player who might have slipped through the cracks, for others, it's simply to put some faces with names (and maybe more accurate numbers).

"The D-1 prospects have no problem making contact with coaches because their names are already out there," Kuceyeski said. "The D-2's and the D-3 kids who want to keep playing, there's really nothing out there to help them make contact with coaches, that's why I originally started doing this...It allows these guys to make contact with kids and it allows some of the kids to get their names out there."

At that level of play, dreams of becoming a millionaire pro star and even making it to the NFL have disappeared. Instead of worrying about the level where you're paid to play, many simply want to keep participating in the game they love.

"I just want to go to college. I want to get an education and extend my (football) career for as far as it will go," Lakes High junior Joey Crowell said. "Right now, the plan is to go to college and play football, get a degree and then become a teacher and coach football. I just want to extend my career."

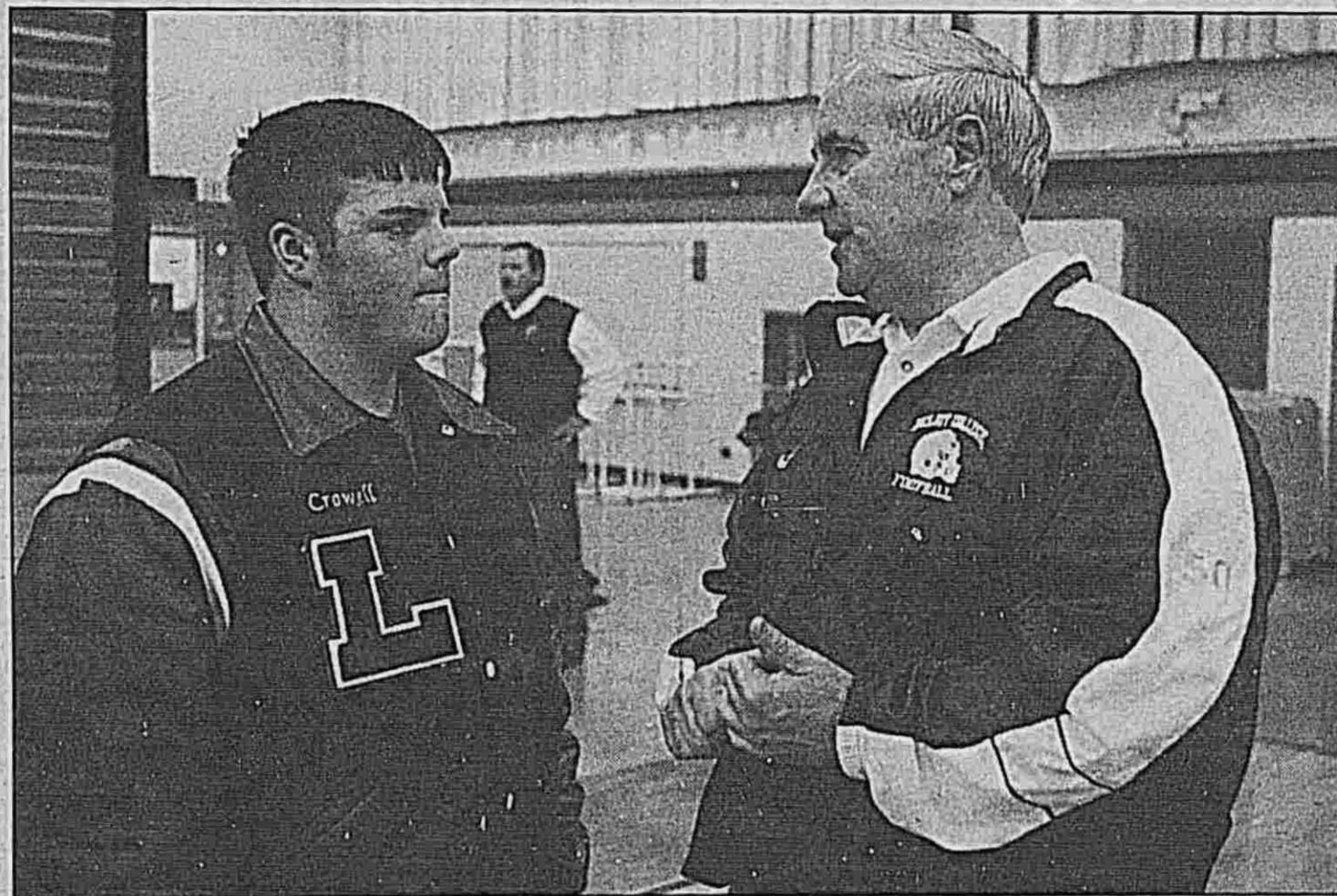
Crowell isn't alone in this simple goal. Warren Blue Devil Zach Narens was another of the estimated 150 attendees who said that he wants to keep the helmet on for as long as there's a team that will take him.

"I'll ride it as far as it will go," Warren senior Zach Narens said. "As long as I get to hit people without getting in trouble, I'll play football."

Libertyville lineman Matt Szkodyn said he would also like to take his career to the next level, but cited distance as another factor in his decision to aim for D-2 or D-3.

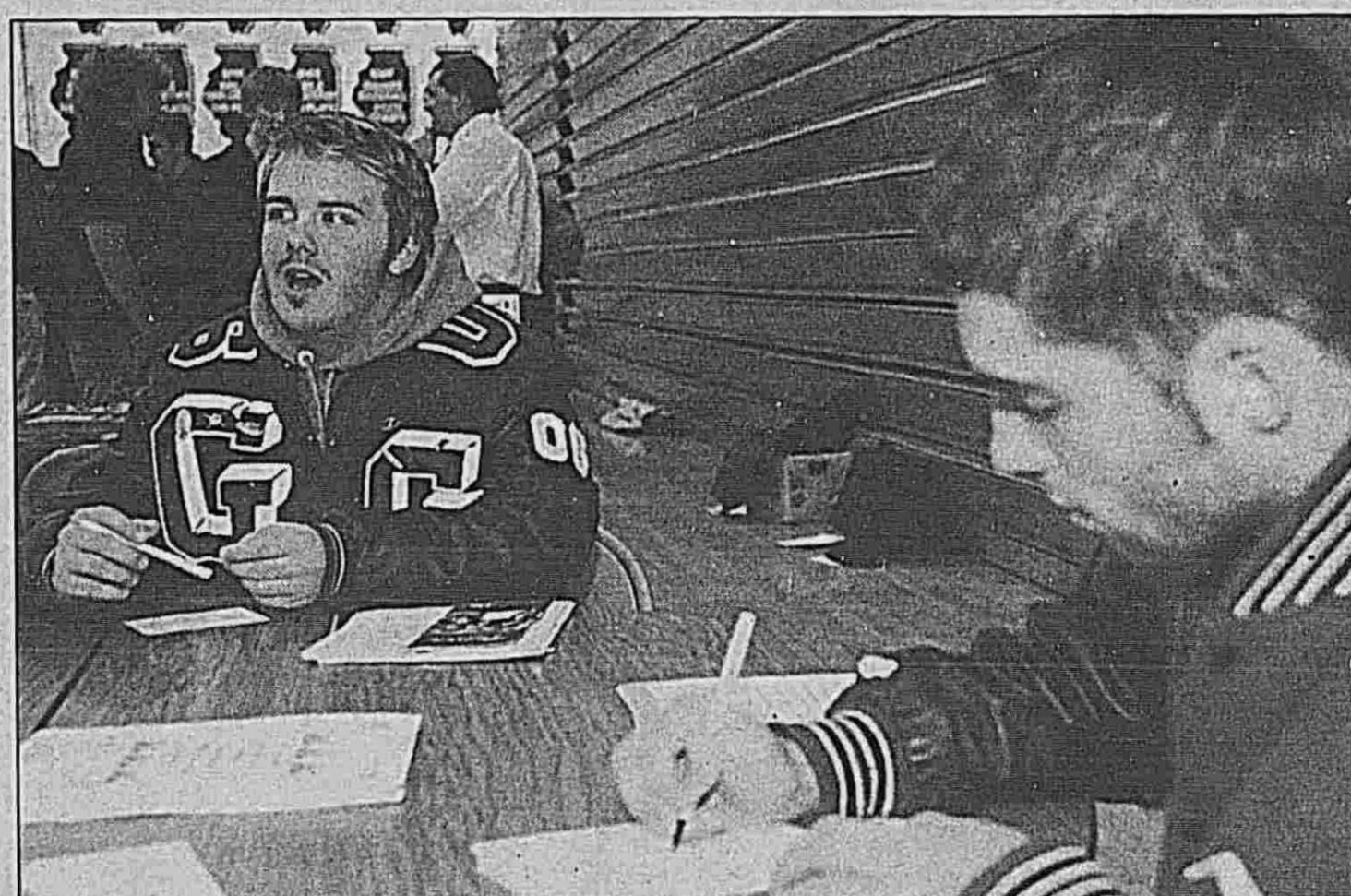
"I would like to play to a limit, I wouldn't do it if I had to go to some college across the country," Szkodyn said. "I would like to play for a school that's around the

Libertyville hosts a college football fair for smaller institutions to make contact with area players



Photos by Sandy Bressner

(Above) Lakes Community High School junior Joey Crowell discusses his future in football with Beloit College offensive coordinator Denny Dierick during the annual Lake County College Football Night at Libertyville High School. (Below) Grant Community High School football players Tyler Bynum and Jon Schild talk with representatives from Tri State University in Angola, Ind., about their football program.



area...I came here to get some face-to-face time with some of the coaches, give it a shot and see what happens."

As for the colleges, the fair allows coaches to take a look at some of the area's talent without the legwork of going to individual high schools. What they can offer for the students isn't just fun on the football field, but financial help as well. While Division I-A schools are allowed 85 scholarships, Division I-

AA schools are allowed 63 and D-2 schools are given 36. Division III schools are not allowed to give scholarships, but are allowed to give package deals where expenses such as book costs are lightened and even waived.

"It's a good way to get names, especially juniors that you may want to have an eye out for in the next season," University of Wisconsin-Platteville Assistant Football Coach Bill Diesing said.

"You can find kids we might have missed and there's some schools that you just can't get to...This is really the only (fair) where you can actually meet with the students, so it's a very important recruiting tool."

Carroll College, a D-3 school in Waukesha, Wisconsin, plays in the Midwest Conference. According to Carroll College Offensive

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ON THE SIDELINES

Dan Patrick • Sports Editor

Nuthin' but a Grant thang

Way back in April, I pre-viewed the area spring sports scene to the tune of the southern rock classic, "Free Bird." As much as that was a shining moment in my career, I thought I might bring things into my own generation by relaying my thoughts on Grant's basketball team.

The Bulldogs remain one of the strongest teams in the area despite playing without one of their strongest performers, junior Becka Gonyo, as she works to overcome illness. That was only the beginning for the team as one-by-one their starters went down as Kaela Munster and Lauren Liles both succumbed to knee injuries. As coach Tom Oeffling said, "It has gotten to the point where we're laughing about it, not crying."

One thing's for sure, Grant's opponents are crying. Despite the trouble, they bolted out to a 10-0 start and 4-0 in the Prairie. In order to celebrate their excellence in a language the young folks can understand, I give you "Nuthin' but a Grant Thang" to the tune of Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg's classic rap anthem, "Nuthin' but a G Thang."

*Win one, two, three and to the fo'
The Grant Lady 'Dogs and the
coach is at the do'
Ready to take the Prairie,
so back on up
Cause you know they're
'bout to rip it up*

*Talk about the Gonyo first, 'cause
she's got a little trouble
But she'll be okay 'cause she's got
strength by the double*

*Ain't nuthin' but a Grant thang,
baabay!
Their superstar seniors goin'
craazy!
Lakeland is the paper
that paays me!
Unbeatable, specially with Arff's
fade away. (Oh yeah)*

*But back to the lecture at hand
Their record is perfected, so please
try to understand
From a young team's perspective
Better watch out and be a little
respective*

*You never know, they'll be
hurtin' ya man
Defensively man, and at the same
time burnin' your "D"
Now you know Cellucci's tough,
lieutenant
She's got moves good enough to get
you burnt up in it
Now that's realer than "Real Deal"
Holyfield
And now all you players and*

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FOOTBALL FAIR

Coordinator Henry Hiemenz, part of the rules of affiliation for Carroll is that no official recruiting trips can be made to high schools, making Kuceyeski's fair an invaluable tool for the team.

"We usually see about 10 to 15 kids and a lot of them are contacted by the coaches," Hiemenz said. "It definitely helps us because we're able to take a look at some kids we might not have been able to have any contact

from normally."

Whatever the motivation or the school, some smaller colleges could be in the future of some of Lake County's best gridiron talent.

"I don't want to give it up, I want to play football for the next four years," Warren talent David Kierna said. "Our head coach said it might be a good way for us to get our names out there so we could play in college and that's what I want to do."

REACH FOR THE SKY



Photo by Chris Pudgett

Carol Kruckman (right) of Libertyville goes up against Kristen Hecht of Mundelein for a rebound on Tuesday night's game at Libertyville High School. Libertyville won against Mundelein 48-37.

SIDELINES

coaches know how I feel
Well they're good enough to
break off 80 points
Even with underclassmen
showin' their stuff

It's like this and like that and like
this and uh (3x)
They're good enough to play
with Warr-en

Well they're winning and
winning and kill-ing
But they could get caught,
'cause the injury bugs bitin'
If they come back, they'll make
their impression felt
So sit back, relax and
strap on your seatbelt
They have been on a ride
like this befo'

With 62 wins the last three
years for Coach O

At the same time with the wins they get
You know, and I know,
they play some funky sets
To add to their collection,
the selection
No matter the class, take a look
at the playbook
If ya' do, ya' have a clue

Of what Oef-ling and his Bulldogs came to do

It's like this and like that
and like this and uh (2x)
It's like this, and you should be
watchin' those!

So just fill their gym and buy their clothes!

Ruetsche's got a pass with a
bona fide gangsta' lean
No matter, she's a sophomore,
with time she'll be big Kareem
It's the capital G, R-A-N-to the T,
D-O-double-G-Y, D-O-double-Gs,
you see
Showin' much flex when it's
time to rock a gym
Dishing rocks and droppin' shots,

all net, never rim
Yeah, and it don't quit
They've got their eyes on the prize
and won't stop till they get it

So hey, what up 'Dogs?
You've gotta give fans what they want.
What's that G?
You gotta break 'em off somethin'
Oh yeah
And it's gotta be bumpin'
Grant gym's rockin'

Fox Lake's where it takes place
so I'm a ask your attention
Mobbin' point guards in the back court
and lane pinchin'

Blockin' the funky shots that's
makin' the enemy's score crumble
When they're on the floor, droppin' shots,
making coaches mumble

Try to get close, your pass'll get sacked
Every single Grant Bulldog's
got each other's back

Never let leads slip, 'cause if they slip,
then their game's slippin'
But if they got back, their game's
like Scott Pippen

And if you ever think to put
their game down, you're a clown
And if you don't believe it, Grant will have to
put the smack down

Yeah, and it don't stop! I told you,
their game's just like a clock,
it just ticks and it tocks

Shots are never off, always on,
'til the tournament's on
B-U-L-L-D-O-G, and the village
they call Fox Lake

Puttin' their game together
Like old Dr. J, no one can do it better

Like this, that and this and uh
It's like this and like that and like this and uh
It's like this, and you should be watchin' those!
So just fill their gym and buy their clothes!

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WRESTLING

Worth the weight

Corsair wrestling program enjoying successful run thanks to experience, talent

By Dan Patrick
Sports Editor

Weight; such a simple concept, yet it means so many different things for different people. Webster's Dictionary defines weight as...just kidding. For wrestlers, weight plays as much of a part in their lives as an anorexic supermodel.

Weight classes, with just five pounds of separation dividing most classes, can mean the difference between a glorious victory and a humiliating defeat for wrestlers at the high school level.

Besides dividing the team into categories, weight classes have another effect on teams - competition, especially big ones. For the Carmel Corsair wrestling team with its 80-person strong roster, there has been more jockeying for position than for a starting spot on the basketball roster.

"We have a pretty big number of guys out this season so we have competition all over the place," Corsair coach Joe Scordino said. "We have a main guy and a backup in almost every weight class and that's good for us because it brings out the best in our guys."

The weight class where this "problem" is most evident is at the 152-pound designation. At last weekend's Buffalo Grove Invitational, Carmel tied for second place in a field of eight teams, thanks largely to the 1-2 finish of Ryan Williams and John Houser in the 152.

Williams, who defeated Houser for top honors in the tournament, was actually the second choice going into the invitational. But with a little luck and a lack of 152-pounders from other schools, both grapplers got the nod.

"We had extra guys who were ready to compete, so we brought the extra guys with us," Scordino said. "There was an extra opening in the 152-pound class, so we got Ryan Williams registered to wrestle and he ended up beating John Houser."

Apparently, Buffalo Grove hadn't been the first place where Williams and Houser had tested each other's skills. If there's the type of competition for positions where multiple Carmel wrestlers can have podium finishes in big invitationals, it's an obviously good sign for the Corsair faithful.

"These two guys (Williams and Houser) have been going at it for a while and we had an opening, so we wrestled them both," Scordino said. "What we're going to do from here is that somebody's going to go up or somebody's going to go down. They're both good wrestlers, so we'll find a way to fit them both in."

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Joe Scordino
Corsair coach

The duo of 152's weren't the only Corsairs who came away from the tournament with a little "bling." Carmel also had champions in the 125 (D.J. Fairfield), 145 (Joe Schnur) while there were also multiple podium finishers.

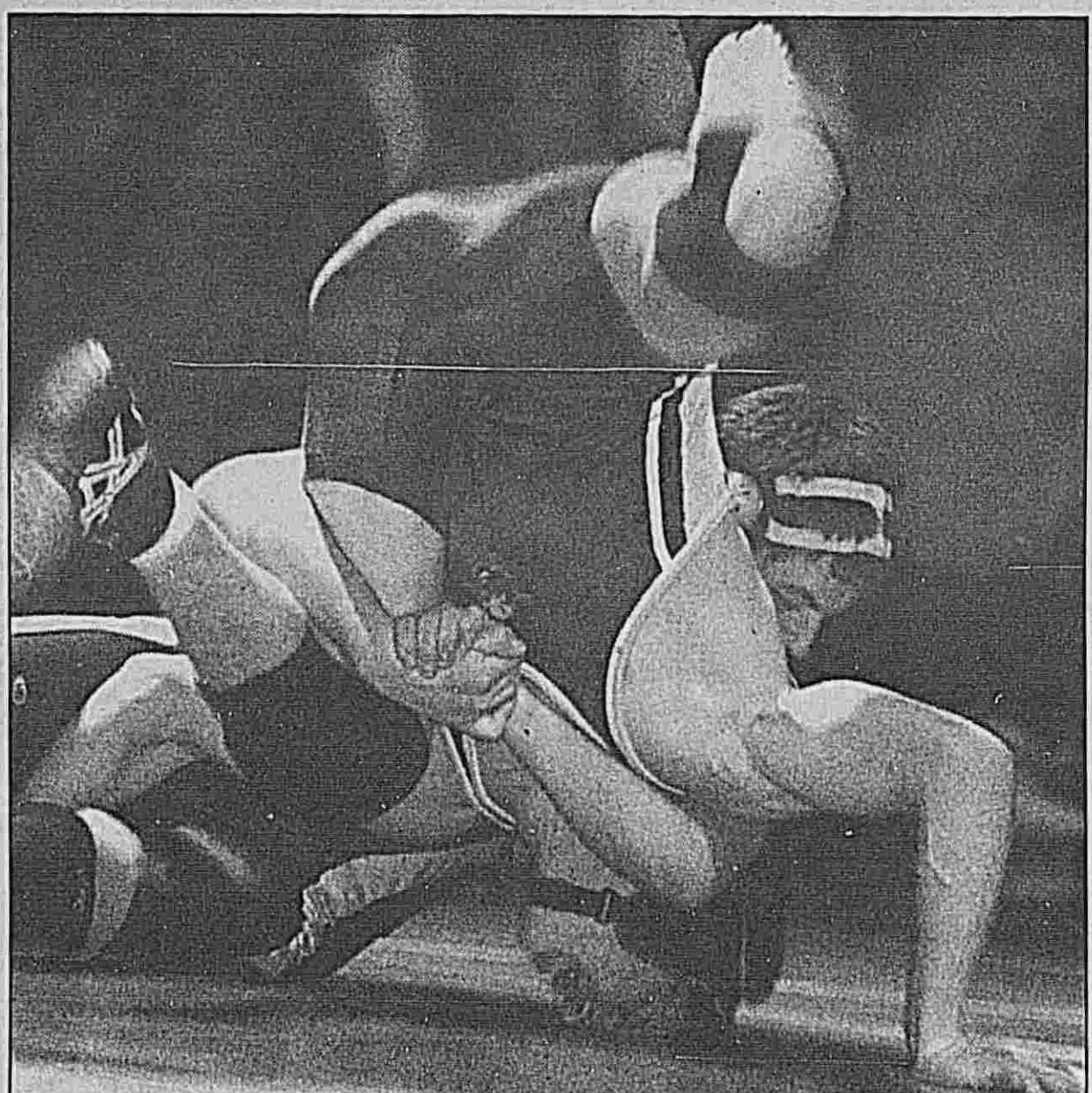
"We're 1-1 now and we finished second at Buffalo Grove, that's something to be proud of because it's a pretty big tournament in our area," Scordino said. "I thought we did pretty well. We had champions D.J. Fairfield at 125, Joe Schnur at 145, we had two of our wrestlers at 152 Ryan Williams who won it and then John Houser who came in second. We had a Dan Clinton finished second at heavyweight and two third place finishers, Ryan Unrein at 140 and Bill Battistone at 160."

With so many place-winners up and down the Carmel weight classes, Scordino has a reason to have some optimism about this season's prospects on the mat.

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The secret to Carmel's success, other than a good tradition, is experience. The Corsairs came into the season fully locked and loaded after a moderately successful campaign a year ago. Regardless of the reason, if Scordino has anything to say about, the success has only begun.

"Our goal is to keep competitive and be one of the best teams in the area," Scordino said. "We just have a lot of returning wrestlers with a lot of experience who did some good things last year. We've got Andrew Federer who went to the sectionals, Ryan Williams was another sectional qualifier, D.J. Fairfield is always good, Clinton was 23-12 last year, Bill Battistone was 18-12 and Schnur is one of



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Stephen Kent of the Wauconda Varsity Wrestling team slams Andrew Federer of Carmel High School into the mat on Thursday evening in Wauconda.

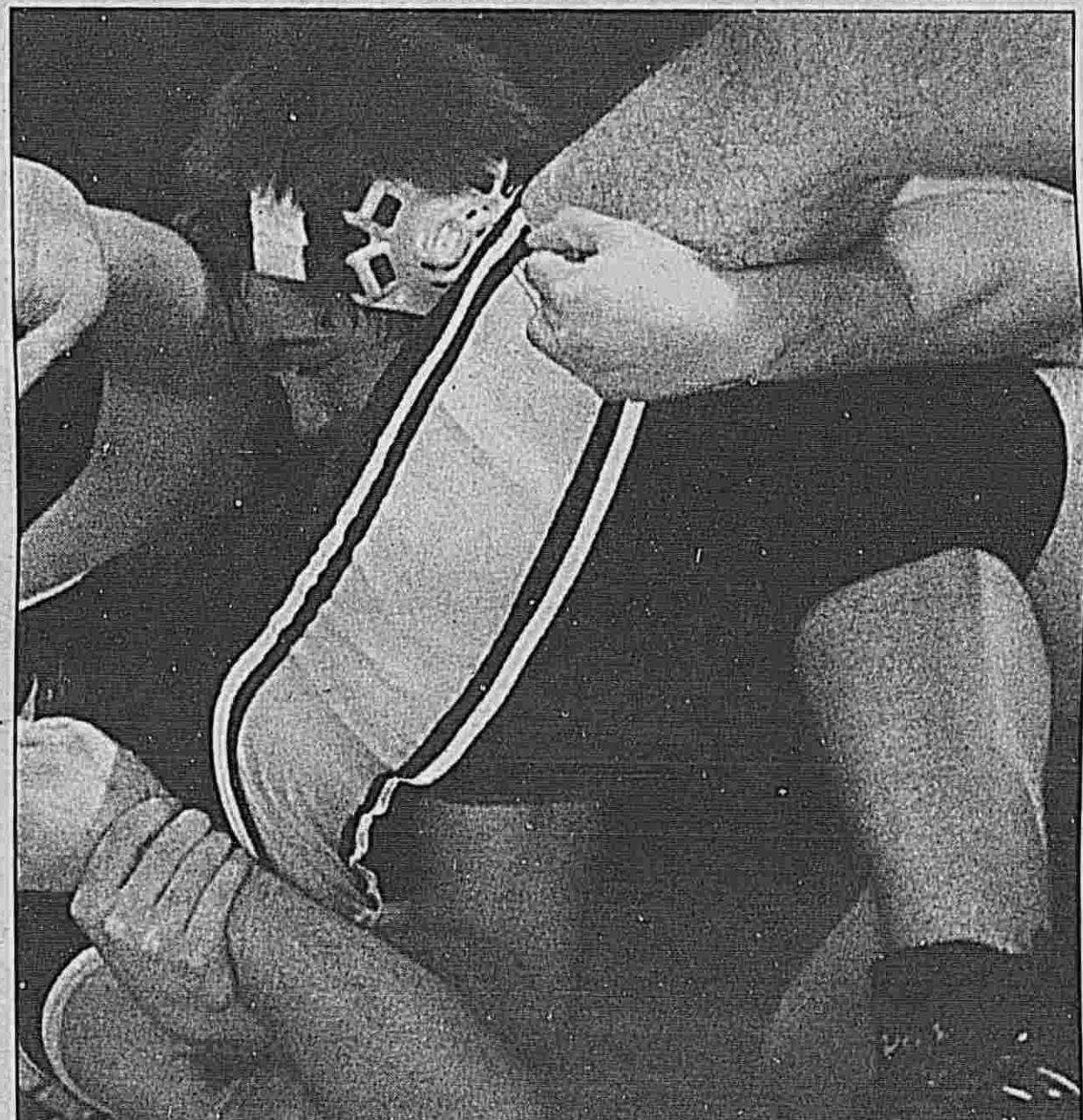


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Brett Collier (bottom) of Wauconda Varsity Wrestling, pushes away the face of Carmel's Ed Krupski on Thursday night's game in Wauconda.

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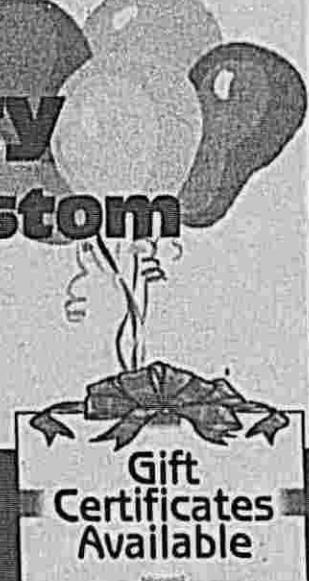
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WRESTLING

When the going gets tough...

By Dan Patrick
Sports Editor

Tradition is a hard thing to keep up in sports, even though some programs make it look so easy. The North Suburban Conference Prairie Division has long stood as one of the strongest wrestling conferences in the area and the Wauconda Bulldogs have been one of those pesky teams fighting for contention.

For years, Wauconda has stood amongst the best in area wrestling teams, yet according to veteran coach Tom Nance, something has been missing this season.

"We're just slightly below where I expected this team would be at this stage of the season," Nance said. "This has been a pretty tough year for us because we're used to doing a little bit better than this."

Less than a month into the season, it may be a little premature to make judgment calls about teams, but Nance has some extenuating circumstances. Participation has rarely been a problem for a program as strong as Wauconda's, but this year was different. Nance said the Bulldogs usually field a roster of at least spread amongst the varsity, sophomore and freshman ranks.

This season brought a wicked mix of a small initial roster (40), coupled with injuries and some youngsters leaving the program, leaving the veteran coach with only 30 Bulldogs still on the active roster. However, even the senior class hasn't been a sure thing for Wauconda.

"We lost four seniors for various reasons and we currently have only one senior in our lineup still wrestling," Nance said. "We lost one senior to an injured back... Anthony Brown had the back problem and that hurt us because he was one of our captains and a very experienced wrestler."

Nance isn't the only one hurting over the loss of Brown. The injury has left the senior veteran without a chance to showcase his skills in his senior year — a year when most athletes have perfected their game and can finally bask in their own glory.

"The injury was so bad that there's no chance of (Brown) returning," Nance said. "It's hard to put into words how painful that is for a kid like that. He put a fair amount of work into the off-season to get better and make a name for himself in his senior year, so it was pretty devastating when he got injured."

The lack of seniors isn't the only problem for the Bulldogs. Nance has been left without a good stable of freshmen to build a program upon, despite his coaching staff's best efforts to attract new wrestlers.

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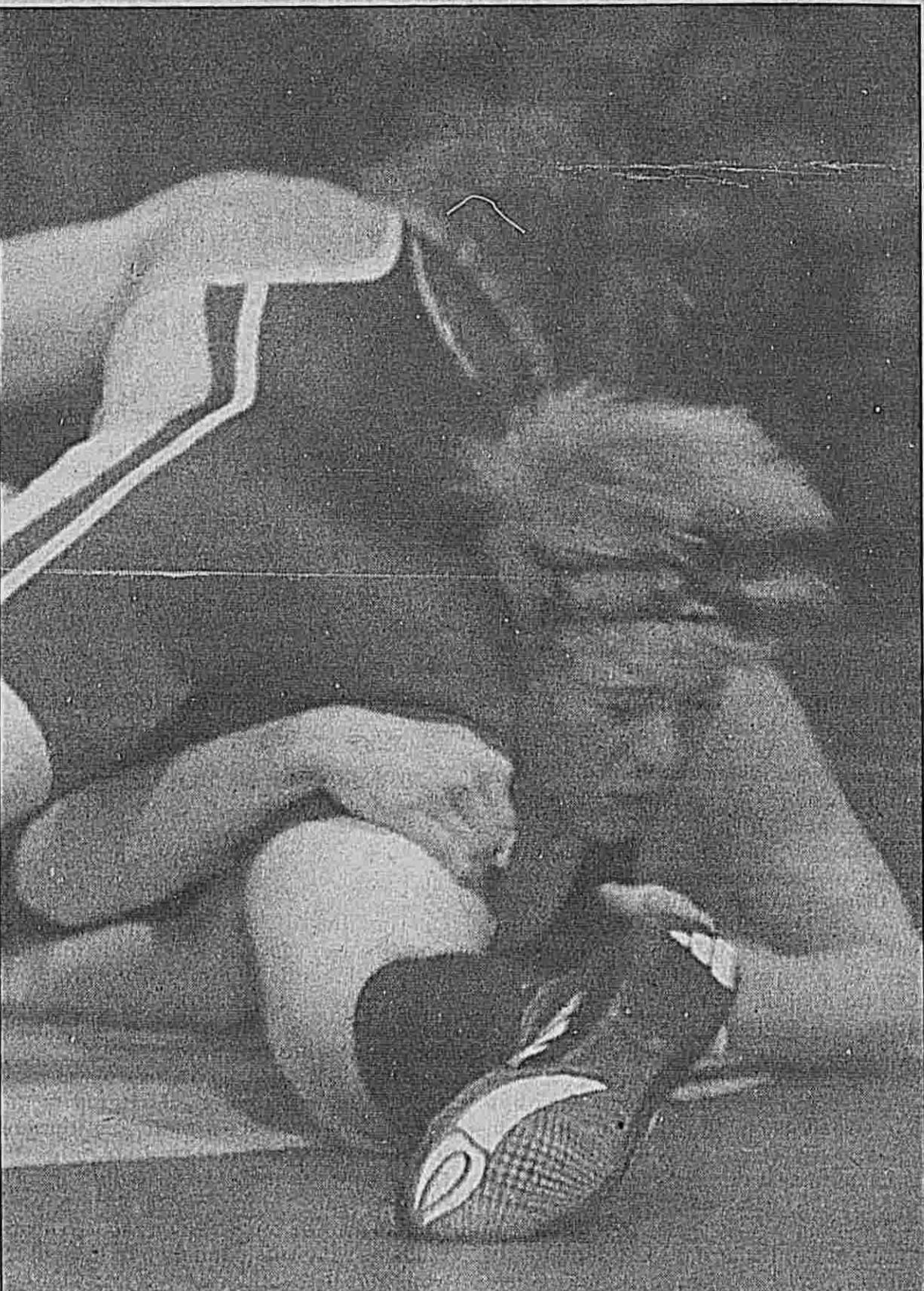
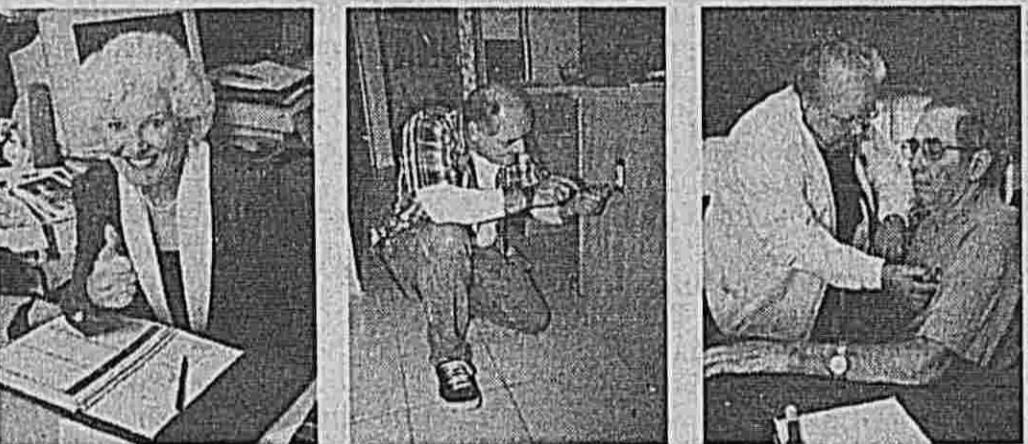


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Max Bernard of the Wauconda Varsity Wrestling team gets slammed into the mat by John Hauser of Carmel on Thursday night's wrestling meet in Wauconda.

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BASKETBALL

Devil dominance

Warren's girls basketball team deals with the troubles of being at the top of the hill

By Dan Patrick
Sports Editor

There's nothing like being the best, regardless of what the activity is. There's bragging rights involved and all the spoils of being "The Best," but the downside is the big, golden "B" sitting on your chest becomes a target for everyone else.

The Warren Blue Devils girls basketball team has been consistently ranked amongst area coaches as one of the state's best and their 8-3 (3-0 NSC-Lake) record does not contradict that. With their current roster of stars such as Sarah Boothe, Giuleanna Lopez and Melanie Duplessis, the "Best" moniker is firmly attached to Warren's chest and the Blue Devil coach recognizes the danger in such an honor.

"Right now, every team circles the troops

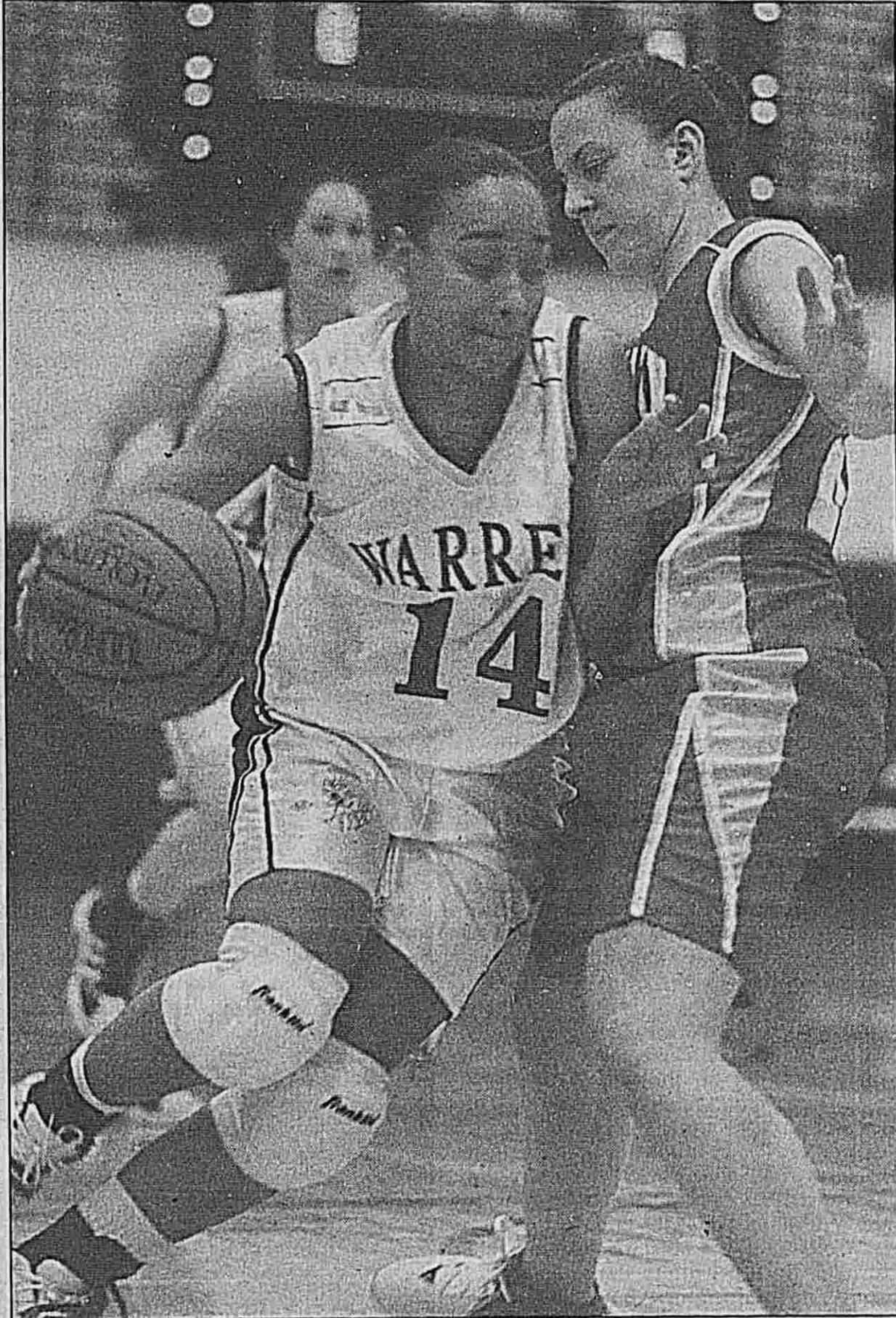


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Warren Township High School's Melanie Duplessis drives toward the basket against the defense of Mundelein's Shara Swager during a 50-21 home game win for the Blue Devils.

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'Right now, every team circles the troops around themselves to get ready to play us. We get everyone's best effort so we can't overlook anyone.'

John Stanczykiewicz
Warren coach

around themselves to get ready to play us," Stanczykiewicz said. "We get everyone's best effort so we can't overlook anyone."

For Stanczykiewicz, the danger might be with playing teams within the North Suburban Conference as opposed to the high-powered teams outside of the Gurnee area such as New Trier the veteran coach added to the schedule as tune-ups for the postseason.

While the ranked opponents look bigger on paper, the danger lies in NSC teams' familiarity with the Blue Devils and their style of play.

"We have to be ready for the teams in our conference because they are all well-coached and they will all be gunning for us," Stanczykiewicz said. "It took last year's team until after Christmas to figure that out and be ready mentally for every game. Hopefully, this team will learn that as well."

"I think what it is is that we're now playing teams that know us really well as opposed to teams like New Trier or other teams like that."

Boothe echoed her coaches' sentiments, saying that the Mustangs brought a game that was just as challenging as some of the state's best to the Blue Devil hardwood. The familiarity factor led to more bumps and bruises than usual for the 6-foot-4-inch sophomore center.

"They were more aggressive than any other team that we've played this year," Boothe said. "They were double- and triple-teaming me so I couldn't get many good shots off...Against some of the other teams we've played, they were constantly playing me just one-on-one so it was a bit easier for me."

The challenge of everyone's goal to slay the giant that is Warren girls basketball might be a constant nuisance, but some of the players choose to look at it as a measure of respect from their opponents.

"I think it's fun because it makes you feel good about yourself knowing that everyone's trying to bring their best game just to beat you," Boothe said. "It also helps our overall game because we're forced to play at a higher level all the time because we know that everyone is coming for us and that should help us get ready for the tournament."

While Warren's coach would rather his team follow Boothe's advice and approach every game as if it were their last, Stanczykiewicz said their play can suffer as a result of Warren's perch atop the area's girls basketball scene.

Last week's 50-21 Blue Devil win against the Mundelein Mustangs may look like a complete blowout on paper, but the coach was not pleased with the resolve his team showed in the early going. Luckily for Warren, all the gears seemed to click in the second quarter and the Blue Devils never looked back after that point.

"I don't think we came out mentally ready to play our best basketball," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "His (Mundelein coach Brian Evans) kids played really hard and challenged us on the glass...The kids worked really hard for every shot that they got and they were able to work through the frustration to get the win."

Every Warren opponent bringing their "A" game should be something the Blue Devils are getting used to, especially after last season's impressive run. But with the meat of the season still yet to come, the Lady Devils should be ready for it.

PREPROFILES



Sarah Boothe

Sophomore center

It's not easy being big. If you need proof of that, just go see the blockbuster remake of King Kong, either that or check out a Warren girls basketball game and center sensation Sarah Boothe.

Boothe, a 6-foot-4-inch Blue Devil recently scored her 500th point - just 10 games into her sophomore season. Her stature, and more importantly her game, has attracted a lot of attention to the sophomore.

Despite the 6'4" and the 500 that now defines her to most people, Boothe tries to elevate her game past the numbers.

"I don't really take it in, I just try to play hard and play my game," Boothe said. "My family told me not to worry about how many points I've scored or what the newspapers are saying and go out, work hard and have fun."

As for her family, her height comes from both sides as her father stands at 6-foot-3 while her mother is an even 6-feet. Boothe's brother David, a 6-foot-1-inch football player, has had to play the unenviable role of the shorter older brother. Despite the three to four inches of separation between the siblings, Boothe said David has fought off the Napoleon complex with ease.

"I've been taller than him for a while, but he never was mean about it or anything," Boothe said. "I know it bothers him, but my brother's really supportive of me and what I've done and it's been really helpful."

It's difficult to even speak of the area girls basketball scene without Boothe's name coming up. Such attention makes the young star an easy target for opponents. That, coupled with the usual war in the trenches underneath the basket leads to many bumps and bruises, but again, she refuses to let it go to her head.

"I've gotten used to it over the years because they used to push me around when I was little and it was no foul," Boothe said. "I try not to let it get to me, but sometimes I have to take a step back and take a deep breath."

With the level of her game, it might be more accurate to say that it's Lake County that needs to take a deep breath.

- By Daniel J. Patrick

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BASKETBALL

Opponents impressed with 'scrappy' play

Mundelein seeks to get back on track during string of tough opponents

By Dan Patrick

Sports Editor

There's a lot to be said about the Mundelein girls basketball team these days. Sure, they've taken some hard beatings against Johnsburg and now Warren, but to come out to stand at a 6-3 record (2-2 North Suburban Conference Lake Division) in a "rebuilding" season is quite impressive.

Last Tuesday's 50-21 box score in the loss against the Blue Devils certainly belies the game the Mustangs put up. If there's any question of that, just ask

Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz.

"I give all the credit in the world to Brian Evans. That might have been one of the best efforts we've seen against us," Stanczykiewicz said. "It ranks right up there with New Trier, Fenwick and Loyola. They did a nice job defensively, everything we did was challenged on the floor and we had to work hard for every shot."

Mundelein coach Brian Evans wasn't so impressed with his team's play. The veteran coach seemed downright angry after the tough 29-point beating.

"They're better, bigger and stronger than us," Evans said. "The bottom line was that we had (senior guard Shara) Swager in

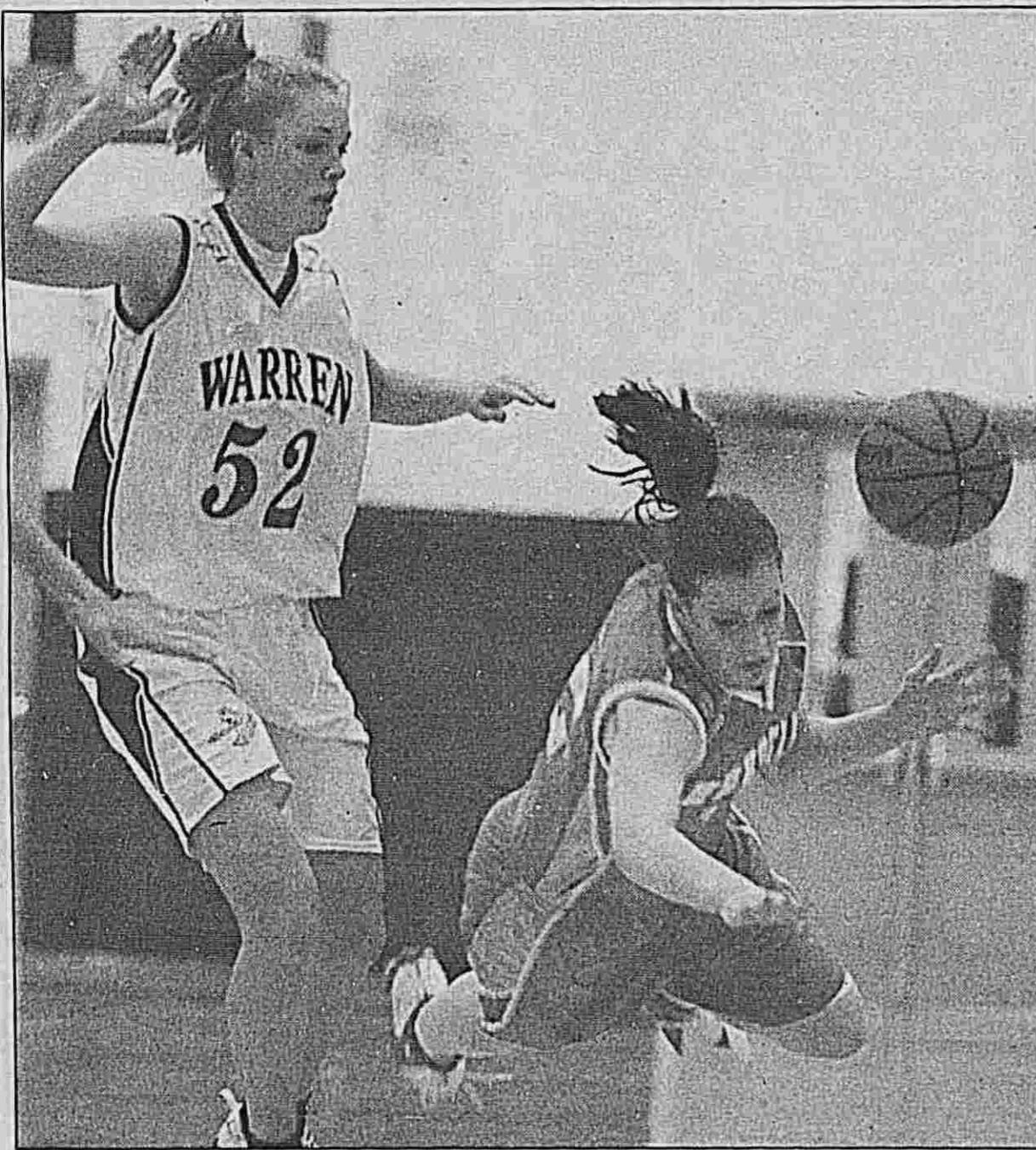


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Mundelein High School's Kristen Hecht trips over her feet while dribbling down court while guarded by Warren's Lory Shaw during a 50-21 win for the Blue Devils at the Almond Road Campus.

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John Stanczykiewicz
Warren girls basketball coach

foul trouble and she's the focus of our offense. We try to do the same thing – attack the other team's one good scorer. But Swager spent most of the game on the bench and we really missed Swager and (Kristen) Hecht. Without them, we're not the same team."

Of course, a team's coach is also its biggest critic and that was certainly the case in the Warren effort. Mustang floor leader Swager was relatively pleased with her team's effort despite the bottom line.

"It's very disappointing to lose like this, especially when we know that we could have competed with them," Swager said. "We gave a good effort tonight and we were playing tough defensively, but we weren't getting calls and we weren't able to get some shots and it cost us."

Swager blamed the huge margin between the teams on the early foul trouble the Mustangs found themselves in. While no one fouled out of the game, Swager said she felt as if the trouble took her team out of the proper mindset.

"I think we tend to lose focus, we're a scrappy team and it's difficult to play scrappy and not be able to get in there and go for the ball," Swager said. "We got in foul trouble early and we started forcing up shots. We need to wait for the offense to really set up and then make our shots and that didn't happen tonight."

The foul trouble was mostly Swager's problem as she racked up two fouls early in the first quarter, prompting a quick benching and earned her fourth in the middle of the third stanza, preventing her from using her usually aggressive style of play.

"Having her (Swager) on the floor makes us a little bit better, having Kristen Hecht on the floor makes us a little bit better and they were both in foul trouble so that takes away our two best."

Other than, or perhaps because, of their scrappiness, the Mustangs have made a career out of making the toughest opponents sweat. Other than the Warren loss, Mundelein also competed with the high-powered Libertyville Wildcats, losing 48-37 in that game.

"I think we've been doing really well, I think if we played Libertyville again, we would beat them," Swager said. "Most of the teams in the area are young so everyone is inexperienced and we can win some games."

If asked, Stanczykiewicz probably wouldn't argue with Swager's point. Other than buttering up the team's defensive play, Warren's playcaller has a great deal of respect for his Mundelein counterpart.

"I know Brian Evans is one of the best coaches in the area; I was really interested to see what he was going to cook up for us tonight," Stanczykiewicz said.

In the end, the Mustangs weren't able to cook up much more than a mere 21 points of total offense. But while Evans wasn't ecstatic about his team's effort, everyone else in the gym certainly was.

PREPROFILES



Shara Swager
Senior Guard

A typical day for Mustang Shara Swager can be summed up in three simple words: cut, slash and shoot. No, she's not a deranged serial killer, instead, she's the main reason why the Mustangs stand at 6-3 after losing one of the best senior classes in school history.

The 5-foot-6-inch point guard has been on the varsity roster since her freshman year and has calmly waited for her chance to shine. That time is now and her coach Brian Evans wouldn't have it any other way.

"Shara would be the most fit to be that leader that we need because she's played for so long on the varsity team," Evans said. "She's a natural pick for that floor general, we just need her to step up."

The way she's stepped up is through the use of a killer speed game that allows her to slash through defenders and penetrate to the basket. While foul trouble prevented her from shining during last week's game against Warren, she's certainly made a splash in the area girls basketball scene – enough of a splash that makes her the center of attention for opposing coaches.

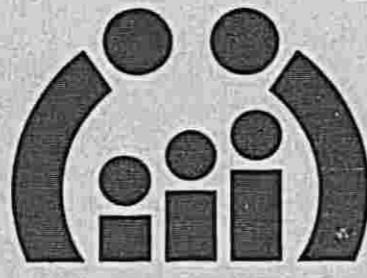
"If you take away their main weapon (Swager) it really limits Mundelein's game because she is able to penetrate so well," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "She's a good player and that was one of our main goals was to focus on her."

Before she was Mundelein's consummate George S. Patton, Swager got her start playing pick-up games with her family.

"My uncles were the biggest influence on me because they used to play with me and encourage me when I was a kid," Swager said. "I just started playing park district ball, then I got onto the feeder teams and I've been playing since then."

The rest, as they say, is history, yet Swager would certainly like to do a lot in the present before she's done with the red and white this season.

– By Daniel J. Patrick



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And then there were none

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

They say you can't tell the players without a roster. In the case of Grant Girls basketball team, sometimes it is hard to tell who's who with a roster, thanks to a huge amount of player movement between the varsity and sophomore ranks.

While the varsity roster may be in flux, one thing hasn't changed: the loss column. Despite the lack of stability within GCHS coach Tom Oeffling's roster, the Bulldogs retain a spotless record nearly a month into the season.

Now, add one Autumn Gaylor to the mix. The sophomore, wearing No. 32, scored 11 points in her varsity debut, a 76-26 Grant win over Prairie rival Wauconda. The 50-point win, mind you, that's the margin of victory, not point total like most contests at the varsity level, gave Grant a 10-0 record and a 4-0 mark in the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division.

"It's like the Agatha Christie book, 'And Then There Were None,'" said Oeffling of the injuries.

After weeks of losing one starter after another for reasons ranging from run-of-the-mill game injuries to disease, there finally might be a light at the end of the tunnel for the team. This week, the hoped-for return list includes Lauren Liles, who's been out with a knee injury for a large portion of the season, but added to the list of late is starter Shelly Peterson. Peterson, a senior forward, has been battling a back problem.

"She has a back injury. I have a lot of respect for her, because she is such a vocal leader on the team. She is such a supporter of all the teammates and knows the game really well. She is like a coach on the floor. She plays great defense and knows her role," Oeffling said. That adds to the previous list of the all-county team on the bench on the Injured Reserve list of Kaela Munster, Becka Gonyo and Tory Ziegler.

Sorting all the coming and goings of teammates are the guards who lead the offense. Senior Sonya Cellucci, all 5-feet-6-inches of her, is one of them. She tallied

8 points and, she, and her teammates played tough defense from the shout of "defense" in a pre-game huddle until the merciful end of the clash.

"They know what to do. They're supposed to be intense on defense. We run the same offense and defense at all levels, so while it may take a player a while to fit in, they know what to do," Oeffling said.

The visitors on Friday at Wauconda also had some hot shooting from the perimeter. Grant's Ashley Arff bagged 3 three-pointers for her 15-point night. Junior forward Heather Sutherland matched that point total, and guard Heather Reutsche added 11.

"We normally shoot pretty well from the outside," Cellucci said. "On defense, we just stick to man-to-man really hard."

Cellucci was impressed with Gaylor's rookie performance in the Wauconda game, echoing the sentiments of her teammates and coaches.

"She does a good job on the pick-and-roll," Cellucci said.

The Grant squad stayed unbeaten thanks to a 17-3 start that did not allow a second field goal until the second quarter by Wauconda. Lauren Mead scored 16 points to lead Wauconda in the tough loss. Mead's performance was no surprise as she has been Wauconda's leading scorer throughout the year.

"We're a young team. Grant passed the ball so well, that (it) neutralized our zone defense. Grant is deep, and has a good program," Wauconda Bulldog coach Tim Bartusch said. "We're a young team, with only three seniors, so we'll probably take our lumps for a while."

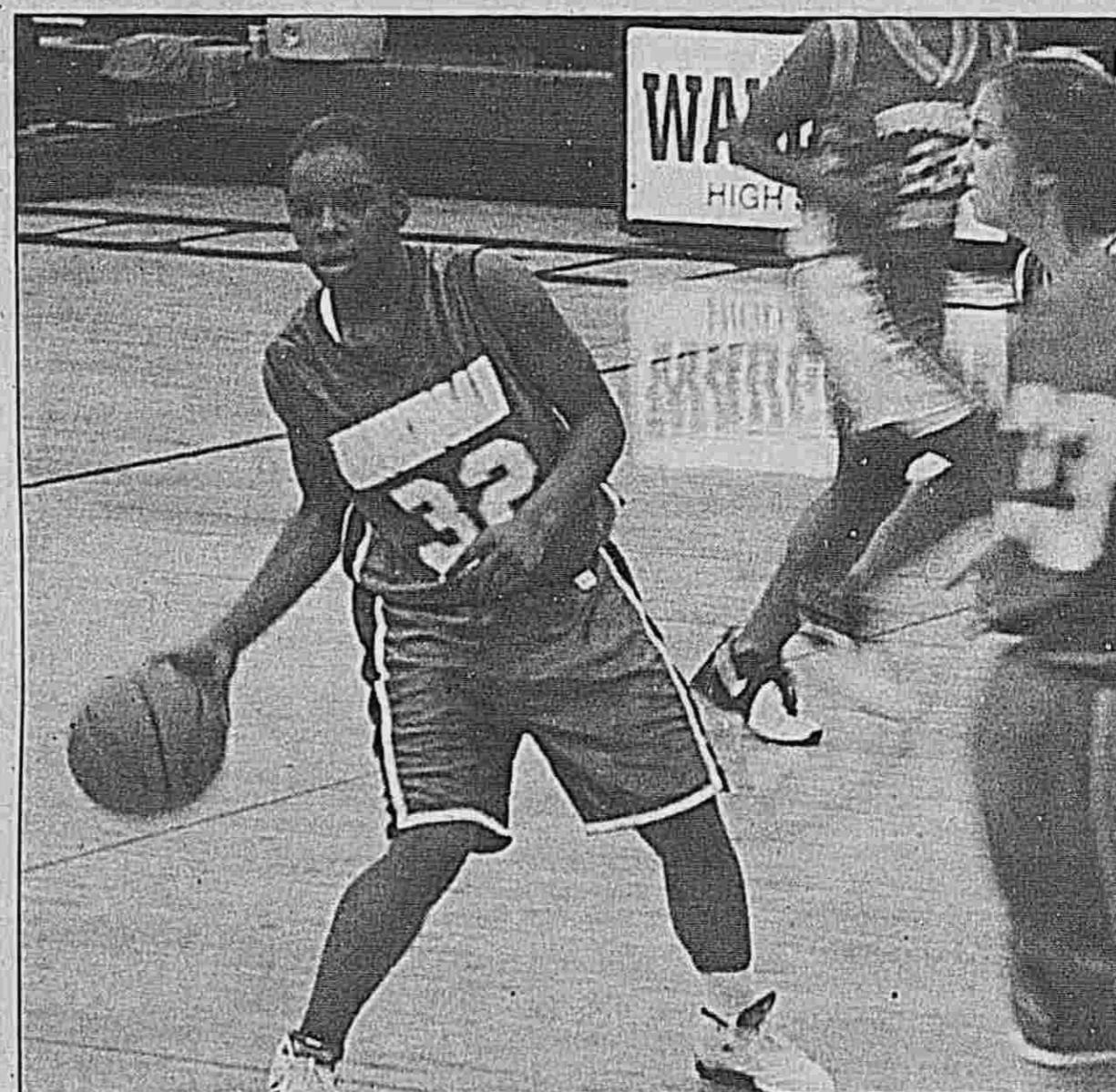
Wauconda (1-8) hosted its holiday tournament this week with Waukegan, Elgin Academy and Woodlands. WHS usually plays well in the tournament. WHS bested Lakes 30-10 for its only win thus far in the season. One of Mead's best performances came in a tough 52-47 loss to Round Lake. The WHS leader had 24 points in the Panther contest.

Grant has a big eight days to rest from the Friday night win to a Dec. 17 clash with St. Charles East, at Grant at 2:30 p.m. Grant then plays at the McHenry tournament, where it could be challenged, starting Dec. 21.



Photo by Annie Christie

(Above) Dominique Johnson of Waukegan High School dribbles down court during a game against Woodlands Academy in the Wauconda High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Holiday Tournament. (Below) Waukegan High School's Danasha Jenkins, a freshman, looks for a teammate during the event.



Girls Basketball

WAUKEGAN 47, WOODLANDS ACADEMY 28

•There might be 20 miles between Waukegan and Wauconda, but the Waukegan girls basketball team played like it was home in a 19-point victory in the opening round of the Wauconda Invitational last Saturday.

The Wildcats were buried from the beginning of the game as the Bulldogs were able to take control early. Waukegan was led by freshman Brittany Brown and junior Courtney Doby who finished the game with 11 points a piece.

WAUCONDA 46, ELGIN ACADEMY 18

•The Bulldogs were biting last weekend in the Wauconda Invitational as both Waukegan and Wauconda pulled off huge victories in the tournament. The hosts made short work of Elgin Academy, bolting out to a 18-5

lead in the first quarter and completely controlling the ball, holding the Hilltoppers to single digits in every quarter and limiting them to two points in the third.

Elgin didn't even break into double-digits as a team until the third while the Bulldogs, led by Lauren Mead (14 points), Patrice DaCosta (10) and Jessie Middlesworth (10) destroyed the visiting Hilltoppers.

LIBERTYVILLE 54, ZION-BENTON 39

•The Wildcats continued to impress in last Friday's big 15-point win over NSC-Lake rival Zion-Benton (1-8, 0-3). Carol Kruckman led the way for the Wildcats with 25 points while Brenna Bohl made a mighty wingman with 15 of her own. Brittany Simmons was the Zee-Bees' lone double-digit scorer with 10.

Libertyville (10-1, 2-1) got the big win thanks to an impressive fourth quarter as the Wildcats held on to a 39-35 lead at the end of three. The Wildcats kicked up their defense, holding Zion to just 4 points in the final stanza.

The Wildcats were also helped by a multitude of Zion-Benton fouls as Libertyville shot 19-of-30 from the charity stripe in the game.

MUNDELEIN 46, LAKE FOREST 40

•Mustang sharpshooter Shara Swager came to play against the Lake Forest Scouts (3-4, 0-2 NSC-Lake), scoring 25 in a close 46-40 win. The secret of Swager's game was easy: get to the line. The senior had 22 shots from the charity stripe, hitting 12.

Mundelein's Kristen Hecht and Samantha Panitch added to the cause, scoring 7 apiece. Jennifer Johnson was Lake Forest's leading scorer with 13 while Jorie Schuetz and Jamie Staudt added 10 apiece.

The second half was a back-and-forth battle until the Mustangs finally put the game away, tripling Lake Forest's output 12-4 in the fourth. Mundelein improves to 6-2 and 2-1 in the Lake.

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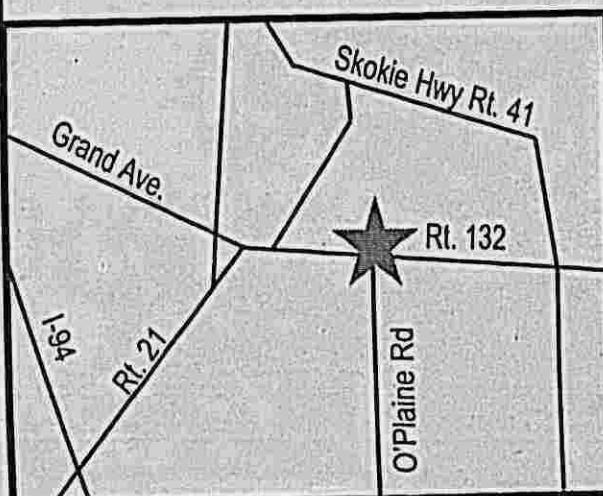
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Maynard Schneider

Age 85 of Antioch, passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 at his home. He was born in Jamestown, ND, the son of the late Walter W. and Violet (Reimers) Schneider. He worked for his father's company, Schneider Trucking until he started with Wm. Zeigler and Sons. On Sept. 15, 1943, he married Marjorie Ferris in Lake Villa.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marjorie; his children, Bonnie (Bob) Naas of Greensboro, NC., Linda (David) Stead of Farmersville, Maynard "Butch" (Kathie) of Antioch and Mary Jo (Matt) Robinson of Lake Villa; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 6 p.m., Dec. 12 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with visitation starting at 4 p.m.. Pastor Barbara Good of the United Methodist Church of Antioch officiated. Interment was private. Those desiring may make donations to the Antioch Rescue Squad or the United Methodist Church of Antioch in his memory.

Ratko Mataruga

Age 89 of Third Lake, passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. Ratko was a veteran of the Royal Yugoslavian Army, having been a POW in Germany during WWII and also a member of the Serbian National Defense.

Surviving are his daughter, Milica (Zoran) Pesakovic of Third Lake and a grandson. He is preceded in death by his wife, Jevrosima Mataruga on June 30, 2002.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 14 at The Most Holy Mother of God Monastery and Cemetery in Third Lake. Visitation

was from 5 to 8 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Genevieve Longabaugh

Age 85 of Libertyville, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005 at the Winchester House.

Surviving are two children, Linda Longabaugh of Libertyville and John Gary (Leslie) Longabaugh of Ingleside; six grandchildren and two sisters.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Dec. 12 at the Ivanhoe Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

John J. Stiles

Age 75 of Lake Villa, died at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late James and Mary Stiles.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie; his children, Mae (Allen) Moore, John Jr., James (Stacy), and Nora (Jim Hartke) Stiles; his grandchildren; two sisters; a sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a grandson.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 12 at the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Entombment was private. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Dec. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mary Ballard

Age 53 of Green Oaks, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at the Westmoreland Healthcare Center in Lake Forest.

Surviving are her husband, Steve Ballard; children, Christopher and Meredith, all of Green Oaks; her mother, Barbara Frase of Lake Forest; her sister a brother; and her mother-in-law, Fran Burrell of Libertyville. She is preceded in death by her father, Charles White.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m., Dec. 10 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Visitation was from 1:30 p.m. until the time of ser-

vice at the church with a time of fellowship also, following the services. Memorial contributions can be made to her church Sunday School Program. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Callie C. Perry

Age 63 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Tippo, MS, the daughter of the late David and Gracia (Shaw) Turman. She was the office manager at Perry Appraisals in Antioch. On Sept. 15, 1962, she married Jack L. Perry in Waukegan.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; her children, Lee (Diane) Perry of Trevor, Wis., Kim (Tim) Rommen of Philadelphia, Penn. and Adam (Monica) Perry of Covington, LA., five brothers; two sisters; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She is preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Funeral service was held at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 9 at the Cross View Church in Antioch with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. Private interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cross View Church in her memory. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Margaret B. Uterhart

Age 84 of Twin Lakes, Wis., formerly of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005 at Ruth Hospice in West Allis, Wis. She and her late husband, Philip owned and operated the Golden Griffon Marina on Grass Lake.

Survivors include a son, Don (Connie) Kadlec of Washington and a granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Kadlec and her second husband, Philip Uterhart.

Graveside service was held on Dec. 6 at the Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Arrangements were han-

dled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Blanche A. Preibe-Arnswald

Age 80 of Vernon Hills, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (Kelly) Priebe Jr. of Coweta, Okla. and Gary Priebe of Mundelein; two grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Jan (Tom) Arens of Des Plaines; a stepson, Dave (Laurie) Arnswald of Grand Rapids, Mich.; nephews and nieces. She is preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Mary Lambersky; by her first husband Robert E. Priebe Sr. in 1978; by her second husband, Arthur Arnswald in 1989 and her two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at the Highland Memorial Park. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 8 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Margaret 'Lyn' Carroll

Age 62 of Lindenhurst, passed away at her home on Monday, Dec. 6, 2005. She was born in Highland Park, the daughter of the late Alexander and Evelyn Rafferty. She was a former teacher at North Chicago High School and taught at St. Anastasia Catholic School in Waukegan. On July 12, 1974, she married her husband, Dennis.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis; her sons, Thomas (Nichole) of Waunakee, Wis., Dennis Jr. (Mary) of Antioch and Christopher of Lindenhurst; her grandchildren; her brothers and sisters. She is preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Waukegan on Dec. 10. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was held on Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa and Dec. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Lois G. Bosi

Age 86 of Lake Villa, passed away on Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Herrin, the daughter of the late Ross and Alma Cole.

She is survived by her daughters, Alma Koran of Lake Villa, Barbara (James) Scannell of Lake Villa and Cathy (James) Donnelly of Florida; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; and a brother.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m.,

Dec. 8 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 9 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst. Interment was private.

Helen Agnes Shemansky

Age 91 of Lake Forest, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2005 at the Westmoreland Nursing Center.

Surviving are her daughter, Susan (Harry) Lamberson of Lake Forest; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Anthony Shemansky in July 2004. Private services are being held from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Virginia Brown Travis

Age 87 of Libertyville, died on Dec. 12, 2005 at Lake Forest Hospital. Born in Portland, Ore., to Walter and Adele Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Wright; son, Wright S. (Kip) Travis III (Mary Ann) of Denver, Colo.; daughter, Debby (Dean) Archer of Cross Plains, Wis.; and her granddaughters, Virginia is preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Betsy.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Westminster Rd., Lake Forest. An interment service for her family will be held Friday morning, Dec. 16 at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PEO Sisterhood's Scholarship Fund, c/o PEO Chapter LL, Sarah Metzger Chapter Treasurer, 714 Thomas Court, Libertyville, IL 60048.

Mardell G. McClannahan

Age 87, a former resident of the Libertyville area, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2005 at the Mount Carmel Rehabilitation Center in Burlington, Wis.

Surviving are four children, Ernest (Connie) of Burlington, Wis., Richard (Jeannie) of Las Vegas, Nev., Dale (Coni) of Bolingbrook and Carol (Jerry) Davis of Harvard; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters and a brother. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Alice Hyke; by her husband Wayne McClannahan on July 11, 1997; by her grandson; a brother and a sister.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 16 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment will follow at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, with Eastern Star services that evening. Memorial contributions can be made to the Eastern Star.

RECENT DEATHS

Sharon Hrbek, 58 of Round Lake Beach, Dec. 2, 2005. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Richard A. Olsen, 64 of Lake Villa, Dec. 1, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Grayslake

Timothy K. Watkins, 35 of Trevor, Wis., Dec. 4, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Alfreda J. Schueler, 85, of Paddock Lake, Salem, Wis., Dec. 3, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Donald C. Larsen, 72 of Antioch, Dec. 3, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

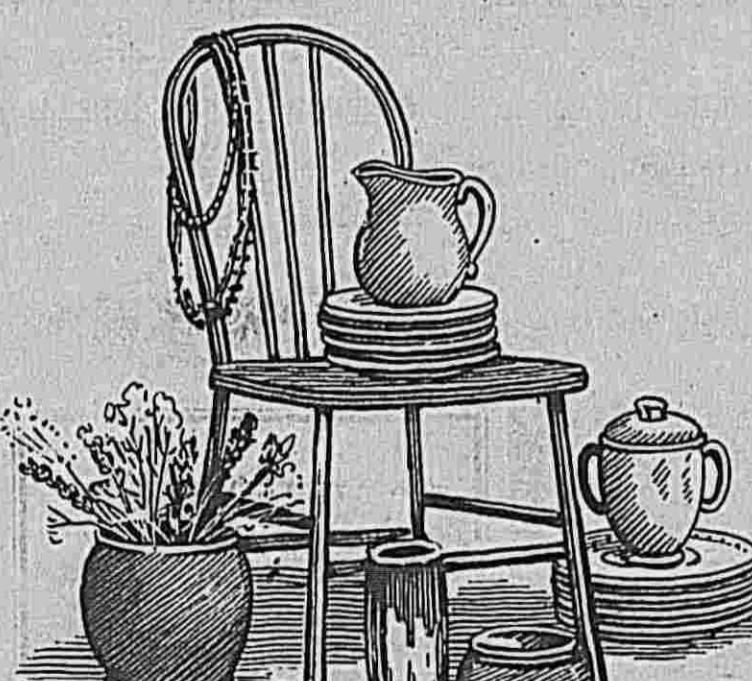
Dana S. Johansen, 43, of Lindenhurst, Nov. 29, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Harold V. Green, 72 of Antioch, Nov. 30, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Edna Laurance, 89, of Libertyville, Nov. 30, 2005. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

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Season's greetings debated

By Regan Foster

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A season dedicated to peace has spurred a debate over seasonal semantics that is anything but peaceful.

From grassroots to government, the "merry Christmas" versus "happy holidays" debate has people across the nation and throughout the area talking.

Many retailers in the United States have downplayed "Christmas" this year, trading in the Christian-associated noun for the more secular "Holidays."

Happy with 'Holidays'

"I support 'happy holidays' because it's more politically correct," said Erin Wright, a 17-year-old junior at Johnsburg High School. "I feel like if more people were aware of the fact that there's more to December than just Christmas, they could put their differences aside."

"The world would be a lot better of a place."

In Wright's opinion, wishing friends and neighbors "happy holidays" demonstrates a wider worldview.

She enjoys the support of the American Civil Liberties Union and Algonquin resident Darryl Bessant.

Bessant said it was important to be aware that Christmas was not the only holiday taking place in December.

"Happy holidays would probably be more appropriate in this diverse world, if we want to really be sensitive," Bessant said.

Conserving "Christmas"

Wonder Lake resident Joyce Buckley, on the other hand, said taking "Christmas" out of the December lexicon would cheapen the meaning of the season.

"Without Christ there isn't Christmas," Buckley said. "It wasn't the birth of Santa Claus, it was the birth of Christ and Santa Claus came along later."

Buckley made her statement after shopping at Wal-Mart, one of the many national chains that has come under fire from conservative organizations such as the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights for downplaying Christmas. Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sarah Clark said in a statement that the retail giant has no policy

that would prohibit an employee from wishing customers a "Merry Christmas."

"We encourage associates to use their best judgment when greeting our customers and to assess which greeting — or greetings — best suit the customers and associates in their local store," she said. "If 'Merry Christmas' is the preferred greeting, that is fine and appropriate. Or, some associates may choose to say 'Happy Holidays,' which may be more inclusive."

Still, Buckley said retailers who refused to include the word Christmas in their policies should just forego the season completely.

holiday season, regardless of your religious beliefs, it's a Christmas tree," said Hastert Spokesman Brad Hahn.

The Rev. Joe Dunlap of McHenry's St. Paul's Episcopal Church said he was more concerned with what he dubbed an alarmist attitude toward the seasonal semantics than he was about the wording itself. He said 'Happy Holidays' seemed more contrived, but he added that he could understand desire to be respectful of other faiths and cultures.

"I think the alarm is exaggerated. We're still a very strong-in-faith nation and people," Dunlap said. "I feel we have many other more important concerns as Christians than how we bid each other the best at this time."

Jordan Hoeft, a Crystal Lake resident and student at McHenry County College, said he didn't speak a seasonal greeting unless he knew it was appropriate.

"I actually have a lot of friends who don't celebrate the holidays so I don't say anything," Hoeft said as he stood outside Crystal Lake's Target store. "I'm not sure why so many people are making such a big deal out of it."

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Condell Day Center's series, Building B.L.O.C.K.S. (Building Learning Opportunities for Caregivers and Kids), continues its educational series with new sessions for parents and their children one to three years old. With their children, parents engage in fun, structured activities that relate to each session's theme.

Sessions in the Building B.L.O.C.K.S. series last five weeks and meet from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Condell Day Center, located

on Condell Medical Center's campus, 700 Garfield Ave. in Libertyville. The cost per session is \$35 per family.

The series will run until June. Series topics include the following:

Jan. 4 through Feb. 1, Gross Motor Development—Kids will run, jump, climb and dance through this session while focusing on gross motor skill development.

Feb. 15 through March 15, Language

Development—Navigate through the wonderful world of communication as focus is on repetition of toys and books. Sign language also will be introduced.

March 29 through April 26, Social/Emotional Development—Learn methods to help foster concepts such as dramatic play as children are introduced to playing together through many activities.

May 10 through June 7, The World Around

Us—Explore the world by taking walks (weather permitting), engaging in sensory activities, and visiting the world through art projects and books.

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Pick 4 Midday	4-0-0-0	7-6-5-7	6-4-9-8	4-1-2-3	N/A	6-9-2-5	5-9-9-8
Pick 4 Nighttime	7-9-0-8	7-6-4-0	4-5-7-6	4-9-9-4	4-8-0-4	0-8-0-9	0-5-9-8
Little Lotto	05-10-21-27-37	02-04-10-17-32	08-25-26-29-30	12-14-15-24-36	08-09-13-15-28	09-11-21-25-33	05-09-11-14-21
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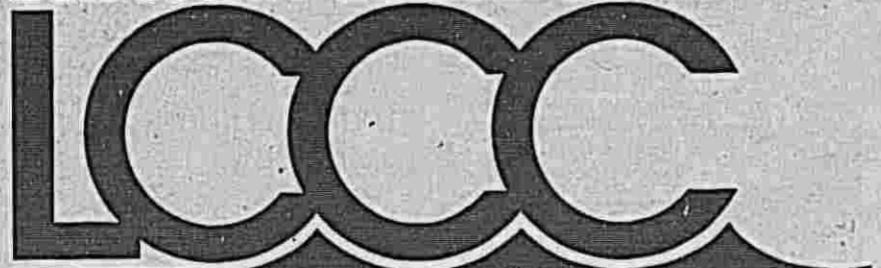
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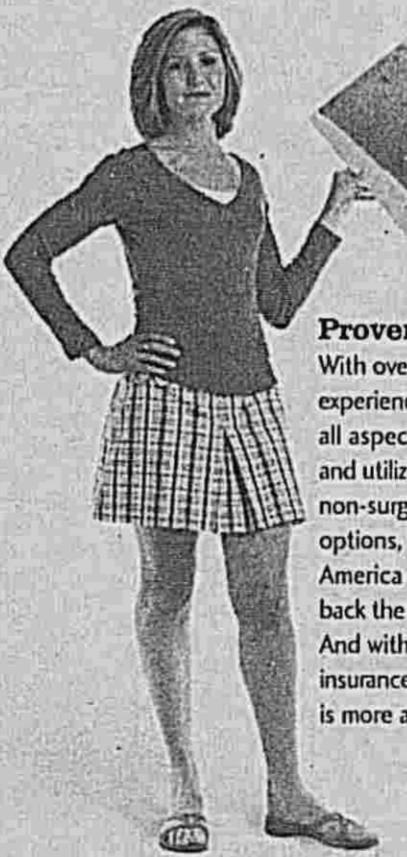
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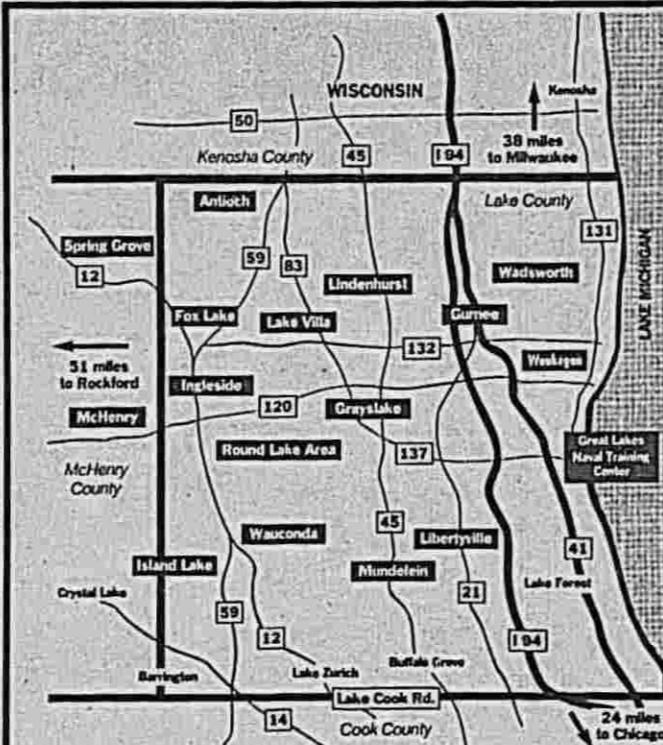
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS INDYMAC BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v- ROBERT A. TARKOWSKI A/K/A ROBERT TARKOWSKI, et al Defendants 05 CH 830

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 29, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3016 EMMAUS AVE., Zion, IL 60099

Property Index No. 04-28-211-021

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$110,122.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5393.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRISM MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v-

ERIC THOMPSON A/K/A ERIC C. THOMPSON, et al Defendants 03 CH 1660

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 25, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 27, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 632 DIXON COURT, Gurnee, IL 60031

Property Index No. 07-28-205-014

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$194,744.94.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-03-A392.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CTX MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v-

LAWRENCE M. CLINE, et al Defendants 05 CH 63

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 29, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 815 17TH STREET, North Chicago, IL 60064

Property Index No. 08-33-324-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$118,282.75.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5109.

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500 Homes For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v-

DANIEL HERZOG A/K/A DANIELA HERZOG, et al Defendants 05 CH 807

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 29, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 973 PRINCETON COURT, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Property Index No. 11-32-413-081

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$80,516.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5109.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF OPTOIN ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-A, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-A

Plaintiff, -v-

BETTY PENDLEY, et al Defendants 05 CH 818

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 3, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 973 PRINCETON COURT, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Property Index No. 11-32-413-081

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$285,112.63.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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500 Homes For Sale

Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 3, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 18633 WEST OLD GAGES LAKE ROAD, Grayslake, IL 60030 Property Index No. 07-30-104-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$121,261.40.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-A123.

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15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-A123 ARDC# 00468002 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

500 Homes For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, IL-INOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants

Plaintiff, -v-

JOHN G. SANCEN, THE CRANBERRY LAKE NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

05 CH 896

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 27, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 48 WEST BIG HORN DRIVE, Hainesville, IL 60073 Property Index No. 06-28-208-021

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$160,000.64.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, IL-INOIS ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.

Plaintiff, -v-

WILLIAM B. SHEFFER, NORTH SHORE GAS CREDIT UNION, WINDSOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

05 CH 945

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Commonly known as 18633 WEST OLD GAGES LAKE ROAD, Grayslake, IL 60030 Property Index No. 07-30-104-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$121,261.40.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Commonly known as 1405 NORTH EAST END ROAD, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073 Property Index No. 06-16-330-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$79,766.29.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-2047.

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**Village of Fox Lake Wishes
Everyone A Happy Holiday
Season & Would Like To Send
A Great Big THANK YOU
to The Following People &
Businesses for Helping With
The 49th ANNUAL KORPAN'S
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Allen & Beth Sturges, Grand Marshall
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Cost Cutters
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G. Ronald "Skip" Vaszari - Trustee of Spring Grove
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Grant Community High School Band
Grant Community High School Choir
Grant Community High School
Grant Township Officials
Grayslake Town Queens
Greg Murrey, Trustee
Ila Bauer, Mayor of Round Lake Park
Jewel/Osco
Jim & Terri Jones
Jim & Nancy Rogers
Karen Jakstas
Ken & Carol Ward
Kroozers Car Club
Lake Shore Harley Davidson
Lakeland Barber Shop
Little Treasures
Lorraine Nielsen
M H Mechanical

Mardi Scheske
Marianne Working
Mark Goebel Enterprises
McDonald's
Michael Lescher, Emcee
Mike Lawrence
Mineola
Missy Mazur
NAPA Auto Parts
Noel Working, Trustee
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Paradise Jewelry
Paradise Park Assisted Living
PowerSource
Prairie Material
Professional Nails
Prunella's
Rapp Supply
Residents of Lakeland Apartments
Robert Skidmore, Lake County Treasurer
Ron Starstovic
Ronald McDonald
Round Lake Dance/Theatre "Nutcracker Production"
Round Lake Heights Police
Samantha Weeks, Clerk
Schaefer's Packing
Senator Adeline Geo-Karis
Skates, Chicago Wolves
Smith Automotive
Something Fishy
Southpaw, Chicago White Sox
Stanton/Lotus Choir
Super Car Wash
Superior Paving
Tebela Motor Patrol
Ted Beskow, Trustee
The Cake Shop
The Flower Shop
Thelen Sand & Gravel
Tom Sanders, Mayor of Spring Grove
US Navy Drill Corp & Drill Team
Village Car Wash
Village of Fox Lake
Village of Fox Lake Queens
Whistle Stop
Willard Helander, Lake County Clerk
WRLR Radio Station, Stan Bauer

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

Our Judges Judy Fojtik, Kathleen Skoli, Sherry Doyle • Interim Chief Mike Behan & the Fox Lake Police Department • Chief Ron Hoehne & the Fox Lake Fire Department • Fox Lake Public Works Department • Anna Korpan for 49 Great Years of Sponsorship • 2nd Federal Savings & Loan for Hosting Our Coloring Contest - Winners Are:

2-4 Years Old	5-6 Years Old	7-8 Years Old	9-10 Years Old
1st - Ellen Schaubel	1st - Rachel Bicknase	1st - Emma Witek	1st - Alexandra Sullivan
2nd - Rachael Hayden	2nd - Nick DiCosola	2nd - Gladys Finerty	2nd - Mikayla Richford
3rd - Leah Hayden	3rd - Alexis Schramm	3rd - Mason Markee	3rd - Brittany Jones

Any omissions or misspellings were purely accidental and deeply regretted

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plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217)422-1719 ext 23.

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504 Homes For Rent

WAUCONDA IN TOWN
WALK TO EVERYTHING
2-bd., 1-ba., w/tp.,
Includes all util.+cable TV.
Avail. now. \$895/mo.+sec.
No pets
(847)526-5000
leave message.

ANTIOCH ON CHANNEL LAKE 2-bd., 2-car gar., \$1,000/mo. (312)720-2036.

AVAILABLE DEC. 1ST. Move-in special, fist mo. \$1,000. Round Lake Beach 3-bd., 1-ba., bsmnt, hrdwd. flrs., fenced yd., w/driveway parking, A/C, water included. \$1,300/mo.+dep. (262)862-6427.

FOX LAKE 2-BD. DUPLEX FOR RENT. Avail. 12/1. \$875/mo.+sec. dep. (847)526-5902.

FOX LAKE Small Lakefront cottage on Fox Lake. Close to Metra. \$625/mo. + sec. dep. (847)298-8255.

GRAYSLAKE RENT W/OPTION. 3-bd., 2.5 ba., family room w/tp., fenced yd., near schools, all appls. (847)951-6102.

GRAYSLAKE SCHOOLS 3-BD. 1-1/2 ba., full bsmnt., \$1,000/mo.+sec. (847)546-3720.

GRAYSLAKE SINGLE HOUSE Avon Elem. School Dist. In beautiful neighborhood. 6 yrs. old. 4-bd., 2-1/2 ba., fin. bsmnt. \$1,690/mo. (847)338-6029.

GURNEE RANCH STYLE HOME - 2 miles from Gurnee Mills & I-94 on Hunt Club Rd. Exc. Gurnee Schools, 3bd/2ba. Lrg kit. w/apples, living, office, unfinshd storage bsmnt, C/A, newly updated w/1car det. gar. Non-smoker/No Pets. Loads of storage negotiable. \$1300/mo. Mark (847)347-5573.

HEATHER RIDGE RANCH FURNISHED 1-bd., 1-ba., fppl., gar. newly decorated. Like living in a resort w/full amenities. Tennis, pool, golf. Around the clock security. Short term lease avail. \$895/mo. includes Satellite TV. Must see. (847) 680-5244.

HEATHERRIDGE ON THE GOLF COURSE 1BRD, 2 BA, Den, New Kitchen, Fireplace, Garage, Furnished. \$995.00 a month. 239-273-5412.

INGLESIDE ON FOX LAKE 3-bd., 2-ba. ranch, 1-car gar., apples. Included. No smoking, no pets. Boat slip available. \$1,600/mo.+1/mo. sec. dep. (847) 587-6741.

LAKE VILLA AREA-2bdsm home w/office, \$850/mo. + Sec. Dep. NO pets. Avail. January 1st. (847)356-2248.

LINDENHURST-3BD RANCH, 2-CAR garage, appliances, C/A, \$1150/mo. (847)223-0902.

MCHENRY - ALL NEW! Hardwood floors; 3bd/2ba. No pets/No smoking. Call for details (815)455-0467.

504 Homes For Rent

MUNDELEIN-4bd/1.5ba. Kitchen, dining area w/newer appl's., full bsmnt, C/A, FP, 1.5 car-att. garage, fincd yrd. Close to all schools & train. \$1375/mo + sec. (847)566-0706 or Cell (847)452-4823.

ROUND LAKE DUPLEX 3bd/2.5ba, 2-car gar. 1st Month Rent 1/2 off \$1200/mo (847)331-9493-Young or (714)404-7656-Al.

ROUND LAKE PARK 2-bd., 1-ba., new paint & carpet. \$700/mo. Please call Paula (847) 769-0210.

ROUND LAKE PARK 3-bd. house with gar., fully remodeled. Section 8 OK. (847)226-1020.

ROUND LAKE-NEW 3bd/3ba, w/lndshd bsmnt, all appliance's, C/A, 2-car att. garage. Good Schools. (847)247-1463, (847)208-4204 or (847)630-4303.

WATERFRONT PROPERTY 3 houses from Lake Catherine, pier, 1-bd. funn., \$1,200/mo.+util. No pets. (312)656-8389.

WAUCONDA 2-STRY HOME 1518 Lucia St. w/bsmnt., 3bd/2ba., \$1000/mo. (847)845-8184.

WILDWOOD 3-BD. 1-1/2 ba., 2-car gar., w. flrs., lawn service included. Across from lake. \$1,400/mo. (847)331-5081.

WINTHROP HARBOR RANCH 3-BD., 1-ba., w/bsmnt., beautiful lot. \$159,000 or rent \$1,300/mo. (847)845-8184.

514 Condos Townhomes

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY VERNON HILLS

Beautiful bright Manor Home 2bd/1ba., In unit laundry, att. 1-car gar. Quilt residential setting; tennis, pool, park, walk to shopping. \$1125/mo. (847)530-5513.

BEACH PARK NEW 2-stry TownHome @ Wadsworth & Greenbay in Heather Stone by Cambridge Good Beach Park schools. Many upgrades, appl's, 2bd Loft/3ba., 2-car att. gar. private drive; corner unit w/walk-out to front yrd. Non-smoker/No Pets. \$1290/mo.

RENT OR BUY a Fabulous 3bd TownHome In Gurnee, rent price is \$1350, asking price is \$199,700. Will consider rent w/option to buy. Hardwood flrs, stainless steel appl's, deck, loft w/skylight & many more extras...

Call Craig Stein
RE/MAX Showcase
(847)624-6184

BEACH PARK-RANCH TH, in gated new Carillon Adult Community. 2bd/2ba., 2-car gar. Avail. now. \$1250/mo. Owner (847)680-8035.

CASTLEBROOK TOWN-HOMES-WAUCONDA New construction 2-bd., 1-1/2 ba., full size w/d, all appls., enclosed pvt. patio, gar. avail. \$950/mo.+util. Avail. immediately. (847) 331-0428.

FOR RENT-
Round Lake Beach,
2-story-2bd/1.5ba.
TownHome w/1-car att. garage, new carpet/windows & appliances, remodeled kitchen & bathrooms. Shows Great! \$895/mo.
Call Craig Stein
RE/MAX Showcase
(847)624-6184 For Details.

FSBO-HAINESVILLE TOWN-HOME 2bd/1.5ba., 2car-gar, finshd lower level. Eat-in kitchen w/pantry. Appliances stay. Updates throughout; w/balcony, ceiling fans & C/A. \$159,500. Cell-(847)372-2286 or Home (847)548-5577.

GRAYSLAKE NEW TH 2-bd., 2-1/2 ba., loft, 2-car gar., walk to Metra. \$1,450/mo. (847)987-0801.

GRAYSLAKE-Rent-to-Own New TownHome 2bd/2.5ba., w/bsmnt & 2-car gar. \$1350/mo. (847)774-2112.

GURNEE HEATHER RIDGE TH FOR RENT 1-bd., 1-1/2 ba., fppl., patio, gar. new appls., w/d in unit. Tennis courts, swimming pool, golf course, bicycle path. 24hr. drive-by sec. Tenant pays electric. Avail. immediately. \$900/mo.+sec. (847)838-4742.

514 Condos Townhomes

GRAYSLAKE: 1YR OLD TownHome in Village Station, Berkshire model w/breathtaking views of open area, kitchen offers huge pantry, 42" cabinets, plenty of table space & slider to deck, 9' ceilings, vaulted master bedrm ceiling, lavish master bathrm, lg closets & close to train & shopping. \$215,000 or for rent \$1,350/mo. Will consider rent to own.

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HAINESVILLE - LIKE NEW! Beautiful 2bd/2.5ba, w/loft end unit. 2-stry Great Room, & MasterBd vaulted ceiling. Black & Stainless Steel Appl's. \$214,999. (847)354-8762.

KENOSHA RENT-TO-OWN New Condo in Harbor Park-2bd/2ba w/Lake Michigan Views. \$1350. (847)774-2112.

KENOSHA: Lake Michigan Condo *Gorgeous views of lake & close to shops, marina, restaurants & train.* 1279 sq. ft., 2bd/2ba., 1-car garage, built in 2004, w/huge walk-in closets in both bedrooms & upgraded appliances & flooring. \$224,900.

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KENOSHA: LRG 2bd/2ba. condo w/154 sq ft. of living space, 1.5-car att. garage, overlooks pond & balcony off master bdrm, vaulted ceilings, close to 94 in Cornerstone subd. \$137,900.

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RE/MAX Showcase
(847)624-6184.

LAKE VILLA CONDO/APT. 2bd/1ba., washer/dryer in unit, att. garage; 3 walk-in closets. 1-bk from Petite Lake. Call for rent specials. (847)276-6579.

LIBERTYVILLE CONDO-Avail. Jan. 1st. \$1100/mo, dep & ref's req'd. New spacious, 2bd/2ba, lg balcony, top floor, all appliances, laundry, 1-garage + 1 parking space. Days-(847)937-6934 Eves-(847)548-5908.

RENT OR BUY a Fabulous 3bd TownHome In Gurnee, rent price is \$1350, asking price is \$199,700. Will consider rent w/option to buy. Hardwood flrs, stainless steel appl's, deck, loft w/skylight & many more extras...

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ROUND LAKE BEACH CONDO FOR SALE in Fairfield Village. \$125,000. 2-bd., 2-ba., 1,000sq.ft., blt in 2002. 1-car gar., lakeview, dishwasher, stove, ref. stay. (847)270-0107.

STRAWBERRY CONDO Corner of Rt. 41 & Rt. 137. 2-bd., 2-car for \$111,900. Ceramic kit. & entry, sunken livingroom open to kit. & slider to patio. F/P in livingroom & master suite! Will also RENT for \$850/mo. Call Brenda (847) 596-6109 RE/MAX SHOWCASE.

TOWNHOME FOR RENT ON GOLF COURSE 3-bd., 3-ba., 2-car gar. Wadsworth, Gurnee Schools. \$1,700/mo. Call Brenda (847) 596-6109 RE/MAX SHOWCASE.

VERY PRIVATE END-UNIT TOWNHOME In Round Lake Beach, 2-story, 2bd/2ba., \$1300/mo. Call (847)322-0504.

WAUCONDA 1-BD. CONDO on Bangs Lake, w/pool. \$120,000. 24hr. recorded mess. 1-800-380-6912, ext. 1905. Molitor Realty.

Call Craig Stein
RE/MAX Showcase
(847)624-6184 For Details.

GRAYSLAKE NEW TH 2-bd., 2-1/2 ba., loft, 2-car gar., walk to Metra. \$1,450/mo. (847)987-0801.

GRAYSLAKE-Rent-to-Own New TownHome 2bd/2.5ba., w/bsmnt & 2-car gar. \$1350/mo. (847)774-2112.

GURNEE HEATHER RIDGE TH FOR RENT 1-bd., 1-1/2 ba., fppl., patio, gar. new appls., w/d in unit. Tennis courts, swimming pool, golf course, bicycle path. 24hr. drive-by sec. Tenant pays electric. Avail. immediately. \$900/mo.+sec. (847)838-4742.

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518 Mobile Homes

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CHAIN O'LAKES MOBILE HOME PARK 120 & Fairfield Call or stop by for current listings. (847)740-9230 lv. message. Must have good credit.

MOBILE HOME - 14x70 Very Clean w/covered porch, 2bdrms, C/A, stove, refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, storage barn. Conveniently located in Senior Park In Kenosha. \$25,000/obo.

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PARK CITY MOBILE HOME By Original Owner 1999 Skyline Built Royal Manor Triple-Wide Home.

3-bd., 2-full bas., lg. family room, diningroom, livingroom, Cathedral ceiling thru-out. Skylights, fully carpeted, all appls (lg. oven, Microwave, side-by-side ref., dishwasher, extra lg-heavy dy GE washer/dryer).

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\$69,000 Financing Available

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Lot 209: PRICE REDUCED - 1999 Schult, 14x70 - C/A Excellent Condition. 2 lg-bd., 2-Full Ba., FP, All appl's. Asking \$28,900.

Lot 30: 2bd/1ba, lg. kitchen w/island, oak cabinets; completely remodeled throughout, w/red cedar flrs, cedar walls, woodburning stove.

Very, very cute! Must See!

Asking \$36,900/obo.

Lot 42: 2bd/1ba, C/A, front kitchen/dining area, all appls w/dishwasher. Newly updated lg deck & shed.

Asking \$13,900/obo

Lot 31: Brand new 2005 16x80, 3bd/2 Full ba's., sunk. In Kitchen w/island, oak cabinets. Lrg deck on nice quiet lot.

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WAUCONDA MOBILE HOME 2bd/1ba, new paint & flooring throughout, new bathrm, washer/dryer, C/A. Too much to list! A Must See

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1978 ARTICAT SNOWMOBILE, 500cc, gr. lake machine, w/carbides, runs good. No trailer. \$1,000/best. Call eves. (847)740-5081.

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CHEVY '02 PT CRUISER, loaded, sunroof, gold, great ride. #3828U. \$8,950. (866)675-4444.

CHEVY '04 Monte Carlo LS, white, auto trans., coupe, clean! \$13,980. (877)254-8983.

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CHRYSLER '01 PT Cruiser, stone white, auto. trans., new paint job, low miles! \$9980. (877)254-8983.

CHRYSLER '05 SEBRING, silver, 16K & more! #3764 \$13,950. (866)675-4444.

DODGE '04 STRATUS SXT 2-dr Graphite #3806N \$13,950. (866)675-4444.

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SAAB 9.3 SE CONVERTIBLE '01, black, auto., loaded, #3833U, \$16,950. (866)675-4444.

SATURN '01 6-CYL., leather, sunroof, low miles. #3818N. \$9950. (866)675-4444.

SATURN 1997 \$2,700. Red, very good cond., 5-spd. manual, A/C, C/D, 2-dr. coupe, 80K mi., 1-owner, adult driven, 37mpg hwy., 28mpg town. (847)362-1765.

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VW '03 GOLF GTI LB Turbo, 1ltr, moonroof, 5-spd. #3815U. \$13,950. (866)675-4444.

VW '03 JETTA GLS, silver, manual 5-spd, all power, sport pkge, low miles. \$14,980. (877)254-8983.

810 Classic/Antique Cars

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824 Vans

1994 3/4 TON CARGO VAN, runs great, \$1,250/best., must sell. (847)497-9888.

CHEVY '01 VENTURE VAN, 7 passenger, fully equipped, 54K, 1 owner. #3827U. \$9,950. (866)675-4444.

CHEVY 2000 ASTRO VAN, 129K, Kelley Blue Book \$5,800, good cond., \$5,000 fair cond., asking \$3,000/best., trans slips, rebuild quoted at \$1,000. (847)878-4387.

DODGE '04 GRAND CARAVAN, silver, 24K, #3836N. \$14,950. (866)675-4444.

DODGE 1998 GRAND Caravan, 138K, dual slide, red, \$3000. (847)340-5766.

DODGE '87 B250 LE, passenger Van, like new, cream #3771N \$5950. (866)675-4444.

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BUICK '03 RENDEZVOUS CX, gray, auto trans., low miles! \$14,980. (877)254-8983.

CHEVY '03 TRAILBLAZER LS, 4x4, Pewter #3770N. \$15,950. (866)675-4444.

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834 Trucks/Trailers

1985 SCOTTSDALE P/U SHORT BED TRUCK. Good for parts. Starts, but needs brakes/battery. Muse haul. \$500/best. (847) 223-6415.

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S12 Carpentry

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EGW SERVICES Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduation Party, Father's Day, 4th Of July, Three Day Weekend.

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S78 Remodeling

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900 Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

"PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the regular board

meetings for calendar year 2006 are scheduled for 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the District's Offices, located at 25700 West Old Grand Avenue in Ingleside, IL. The following dates for calendar year 2006 are scheduled for the regular board meetings: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14."

1216C-7580-FL, RL, LV December 16, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2006

Please be advised the following is a list of dates for the calendar year 2006 for the regular scheduled meetings of the Village of Fox Lake Board of Trustees, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois.

The meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. (the meetings are held the 2nd, and 4th Tuesday of every month) 66 Thillen Drive, Fox Lake, IL 60020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETINGS FOR THE VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE

900 Legals

ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DISTRICT
RECEIPTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

RECEIPT SUMMARY:

PROPERTY TAX 3,714,887; REPLACEMENT TAX 22,781; GRANTS 37,586;
CHARGES FOR SERVICES 3,191,787; INTEREST 150,460; MISCELLANEOUS 1,640,183;
TOTAL 8,757,684.

DISBURSEMENTS SUMMARY:

"R" HOME CARE SERVICES 4,913; ACE HARDWARE HOME CENTER 19,746; ADOLPH KIEFER & ASSOCIATES 4,642; ADVANCED BUSINESS TECH 3,263; ADVANCED COMMUNICATION 40,149; AMERICAN EAGLE GYMNASTICS 13,491; AMSAN VONACHEN 8,166; ANAGNOS 3,125; ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH 29,968; ANDERSON PEST CONTROL 2,819; AT&T 2,546; ATLAS BOBCAT INC 7,740; AZTEC FENCE 5,061; BASKETBALL STARS OF TOMORROW 8,807; BELSON OUTDOORS, INC 2,650; BLACKHAWK ENERGY SERVICES 27,036; BOB RIDINGS 26,962; BONESTROO DEVERY & ASSOC 22,217; BRASS BULLIT 2,800; BREEZ STUDIO 15,925; BURRIS EQUIPMENT 71,266; CAMOSY, INC 5,009,263; CARY DAIRY 8,853; CASEY LANDSCAPING 8,530; CAT REDDICK 5,000; CATERED PRODUCTIONS 4,642; CDW COMPUTER 17,298; CENCOM 20,277; CHAPMAN & CUTLER 4,000; CHEM RITE PRODUCTS 10,218; CHICAGO DISTRICT 2,860; CIMCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC 23,967; CLARIN 8,430; CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO 4,031; CLASSIC PRINTERY 16,073; CLOWNING AROUND 6,775; COLE TAYLOR BANK 838,452; COM ED 49,091; CONSERV FS 65,142; CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY 79,729; CORPORATE ENERGY INC, 8,468; CORPORATE EXPRESS 10,918; CURTAIN CALL COSTUMES 2,993; D & B UNIFORMS 2,987; DEL'S ELECTRIC SERVICE 17,597; DELL MARKETING LD 18,712; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 3,803; DISTINCTIVE SIGN 18,445; DOYLE DIST. CO. 9,083; DYNOMY GLASS 2,590; E Z GO TEXTRON 5,630; ECS 15,456; EFRAM CARLSON & SONS 11,575; ELLIS DECORATIVE CONCRETE & 3,750; EXCEPTIONAL PLUMBING SERVICES 10,221; EXTREME ENGINEERING 15,161; F&R SUPPLY, INC. 6,621; FIRST STATE BANK OF ROUND LAKE 158,544; FOOT-JOY INC 6,483; FOX VALLEY GRAPHICS, INC 4,297; GAMETIME INCORPORATED 26,894; GINA FORSBERG 3,638; GONNELLA BAKING CO. 3,761; GRAPHIC 14 INC. 6,719; GREEN MEADOW FARM 2,737; GREEN-UP LANDSCAPE, INC 5,190; GROVER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO 2,897; HARRIS BANK LIBERTYVILLE 800,677; HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 56,023; HERITAGE PRESS INC 3,525; HI LITER GRAPHICS INC 59,330; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES 6,191; HOME JUICE CORP 5,000; HUFFY SPORTS CANADA INC 7,024; HYDROLOGIC 3,350; IAPD 4,615; IDENTITY SPORTSWEAR 15,246; ILLINOIS ASSN OF PARK DISTRICT 5,145; ILLINOIS DEPART OF REVENUE 12,025; ILLINOIS PARK & REC ASSN 9,830; ILLINOIS SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUBS 33,420; IMAGETEC L P 15,295; IMPACT NETWORKING 8,747; IMPERIAL LAND TITLE 39,932; J & J PROMOTIONS 2,840; J.W. TURF, INC 4,612; JEFF ELLIS & ASSOC 7,879; JEWEL FOOD STORE 4,421; KALE UNIFORMS INC 5,446; KLOSS DISTRIBUTING 6,748; KNUDTE & ASSOCIATES P.C. 9,000; KRAFT PAPER SALES CO. 5,183; KRISTOFS ENTERTAINMENT CNTR 3,814; KYOCERA MITA AMERICA 5,004; LAKE COUNTY CLERK 27,987; LAKELAND MEDIA 4,546; LEONARDI'S 7,205; LESCO INCORPORATED 4,033; LIBERTS DANCE FASHIONS 4,432; LIFE FITNESS 20,181; MAD BOMBER FIREWORKS 17,000; MAD SCIENCE 8,240; MEDIEVAL TIMES 5,960; METROLIFT 5,575; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 15,856; MIDWEST FORESTREE LLC 11,965; MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT 9,346; MITY-LITE INC 6,865; MOORE MEDICAL CORP. 3,205; MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC 3,373; MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL 2,834; NATIONAL CITY BANK 91,548; NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TECH 2,579; NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 19,408; NICOR GAS 17,847; NUTOYS LEISURE PRODUCTS 18,287; OLSON TRANSPORTATION, INC 12,934; P D R M A 546,556; PARK AND RECREATION 24,870; PARK SUPPLY DIRECT, INC 7,030; PATMAR JANITORIAL SERVICE 8,660; PATRIOT PUBLIC FINANCE 3,831; PAULSEN PAVING 13,712; PENDELTON TURF SUPPLY 4,794; PEPSI-COLA 6,631; PETTY CASHIER 15,595; PHILLIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS HSG 4,150; POOLMART 12,388; PORTER 6,863; PREMIUMWEAR, INC 4,366; PRITZKER REALTY 17,831; PROFESSIONAL SYSTEMS 6,201; PROPEL DISTRIBUTORS 2,824; PSC GROUP, LLC 6,520; QUALITY CATERING INC 36,680; RE BURKE ROOFING 9,335; RADICOM 35,462; RECREATION CONCEPTS 11,480; REIL CONSTRUCTION, INC. 62,577; RENTALS AND MORE 7,309; RINELLA BEV. CO. 3,284; ROSCOE 3,393; ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DISTRICT 8,740; ROUND LAKE AREA SCHOOL 8,803; ROUND LAKE DEVELOPMENT LLC 69,308; ROUND LAKE POSTMASTER 6,362; S & S WORLDWIDE 6,302; SAM'S CLUB DIRECT 8,104; SBC 4,018; SECOND SYSTEMS 3,999; SENTE & RUBEL LTD 111,360; SIGN CENTRAL 4,544; SODEXHO INC. 39,785; SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF IL 2,533; SPARTAN FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING 7,268; SPECIAL CREATION SERVICES 374,502; SPECIALTY FLOORS, INC 3,381; SPORT SUPPLY GROUP INC 18,309; SPORTS R US 24,583; SUSAN WILSON 5,017; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES 56,374; T & P SC 2,959; TANIA BRADY 3,983; TDS METACOM 4,463; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORP 21,252; THE BRICKMAN GROUP, LTD 20,186; THELEN SAND & GRAVEL 7,840; THOR GUARD, INC 16,729; TITLEIST 14,988; TONYN BROS INC 3,276; TOTAL TELEDATA 6,387; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (POSTAGE- 13,700; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 7,775; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS 2,890; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE BEACH 126,302; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE 23,016; WAL MART 22,606; WASTE MANAGEMENT NORTH 28,246; WAUKEGAN ROOFING COMPANY, INC 3,200; WENDOLYN DAVIS 3,782; WEST TOWN REFRIGERATION CORP 10,142; WESTSIDE MECHANICAL INC 9,199; WILSON NURSERIES, INC. 4,533; WINDACE ACRES 2,565; WITTEK GOLF SUPPLY 6,407; YOUNG REMBRANDTS 2,562; YOUNGS 9,263; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 496,712; TOTAL 10,841,920;

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

UNDER \$25,000

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\$75,000 AND OVER

NEHILA, JEFFREY

PAYROLL TOTAL \$3,170,593.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Excerpt from Annual Financial Report)

SPECIAL DEBT CAPITAL

GENERAL REVENUE SERVICE PROJECT ENTERPRISE

	Beginning Fund Balance	632,571	1,551,941	432,100	7,524,347	0
Revenues	767,433	6,544,616	838,964	606,671	0	
Expenditures/Expense	846,582	5,988,441	908,940	5,894,457	0	
Other Financing	125,645	9,410	0	0	0	
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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 18, Children's Christmas Service 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 PM
Christmas Morning Festival Service 10:00 AM
New Year's Eve Communion Service 7:30 PM
New Year's Day Worship Service 9:00 AM

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Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
December 25th Christmas Day 9:00 am
December 31st New Years Eve 7:00 pm
More Information (847) 546-4685



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Christmas Eve
Family Candlelight
Communion Service 5:00 pm
Choral Candlelight
Communion Service 11:00 pm
(Preserve Music 10:30 pm)
Christmas Day
Worship Service
with Holy Communion 10:00 am



Transfiguration Parish We Are One Body!

Confessions
All Saturdays except December 24th. Individual Confessions at 4:00 PM
Monday, December 19-Parish Reconciliation Service with confessions at 7:30 PM

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24
4:00 PM-English - Family Mass with Carols
6:00 PM-English - Family Mass with Carols
8:00 PM-Spanish - Christmas Mass with Carols
10:00 PM-English - Christmas Mass with Carols

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
12:30 AM-Polish Mass with Carols
7:30 AM-English Mass with Carols
9:30 AM-English Mass with Carols
11:30 AM-English Mass with Carols
1:30 PM-Polish Mass with Carols

Christmas Monday
December 26
8:00 AM-English Mass
7:30 PM-Polish Mass

Transfiguration Catholic Church is located on the corner of
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Phone: 847-526-2400 • Fax: 847-526-2961 www.transfig-wauconda.org

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31
8:00 AM-English Mass
5:00 PM-English Mass
6:30 PM-Spanish Mass

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1
7:30 AM-English Mass
9:30 AM-English Mass
11:30 AM-English Mass
1:30 PM-Polish Mass

Tr. Thomas Enright, Pastor
Tr. Krzysztof Paluch, Associate
Tr. Marty Barnum, Assistant
Tr. Francisco Cuevas, Assistant

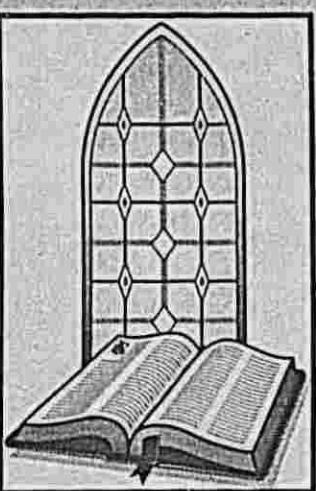


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December 24, 2005
4:00 and 10:00 pm
Christmas Services
December 25, 2005
10:00 am

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Christmas Eve
December 24th Masses
4:00 pm (children's)
6:00 pm
12:00 midnight

Christmas Day
December 25th Masses
8:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

New Year's Day
January 1st Masses
7:00 am • 8:30 am
10:00 am • 11:30 am

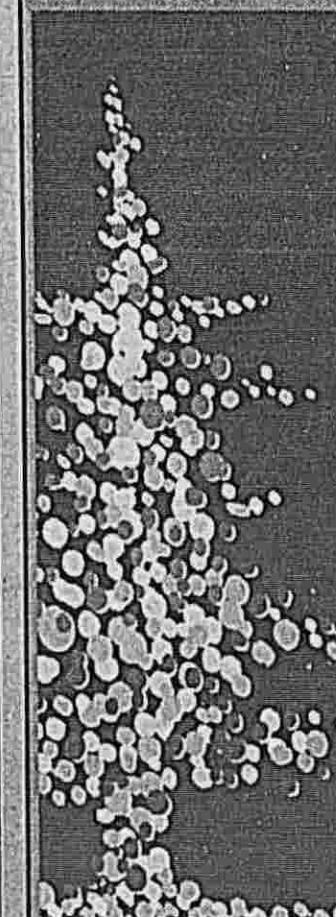
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December 24
7:00 pm
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December 25
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Saturday, December 24, 2005 Sunday, December 25, 2005
6:00 PM 11:00 AM

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John W. Zellmer, Pastor

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Children's Service** 6:30pm
**Christmas Day -
8:15am & 10:45am** 11:00pm

25100 W. Grand Avenue (Rt. 59 & Rt. 132)
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-5158

Geo-Karis: Medicare signups underway

State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion) is reminding seniors and disabled individuals who are eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage that they can now sign up.

Geo-Karis said residents who plan to sign up for Medicare drug coverage, which will begin Jan. 1, 2006, must be enrolled in the program by Dec. 31. In order to enroll, they must first select a carrier and identify the benefit package that will best suit their needs.

"Illinois residents, who are eligible for federal prescription drug assistance, are encouraged to consider their coverage options before choosing a Medicare package," Geo-Karis said. "It stands to reason that if their current prescription drug plan better suits their needs, then they might want to opt out of enrolling in the Medicare program. However, anyone who does not currently have prescription drug coverage, but who qualifies for Medicare, should consider the program."

Geo-Karis said individuals who are currently covered by an employer should have

received a letter to indicate if coverage is as good as or better than Medicare. If it is better, then that individual can choose to decline enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan, which will allow them to avoid incurring a penalty if they decide to enroll in the Medicare program at a later time.

In response to changes in the federal Medicare Part D Program, Illinois is converting its own prescription drug programs. Senior Care and Circuit Breaker will become Illinois Cares Rx Plus and Illinois Cares Rx Basic, and will cover everyone that is already eligible by Medicare as well as some of those who are not.

"If you are eligible for Medicare Part D or Illinois Cares Rx, and want to enroll in a program, it is important to pick a plan and sign up as soon as possible to avoid the late enrollment penalty," Geo-Karis said.

For more information, call the State Department on Aging at 1-800-252-8966, your local Area Agency on Aging, or your community senior citizens center.

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Teen charged with bus damage

McHenry Police have charged a teenager with criminal damage to property, criminal trespass to state supported property and criminal interference with a vehicle following damage discovered at McHenry School districts' transportation lot.

Eric P. Nett, 18, of 311 N. River Road, McHenry, was charged on Dec. 9. Transportation workers found the buses, which transport students of McHenry District 15 and 156 and Montini Public School, at 4 a.m. on Dec. 9. School for public and parochial schools in McHenry and Montini was called off that day.

"We received several leads from the public which pointed us in the right direction. We also received great cooperation from the schools and the trans-

portation department," said William Brogan, McHenry's deputy police chief.

Nett was booked and taken to McHenry County Jail that night. On Dec. 10, a judge set Nett's bail for \$50,000. Nett posted \$5,000 in cash bond and was released.

A second individual, a 16-year-old juvenile, was released to his parents after being referred to McHenry County Court Services, Juvenile Division. Other juveniles are also believed to be involved.

Brogan said that an exact dollar figure has yet to be arrived at for damages. A total of 42 tires were slashed and bus windows broken, police said.

The bus lot is at 5805 W. Route 120 in McHenry and is about an acre plus in size.

Fox Lake Police Chief may retire soon

By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

One month after receiving a host of honors from the village he served for 33 years, Fox Lake Police Chief Ed Gerretsen Jr. is expected to retire on Jan. 1.

The Fox Lake Police Pension Board approved the retirement with that effective date.

Gerretsen has been on medical leave for the past three months.

The Fox Lake Police and Fire Commission met this week to consider and approved the promotions of Nike Behan, currently the department's interim chief, from commander to lieutenant and also John Hoyne, from patrolman to sergeant. Both were congratulated for their promotions at a Fox Lake board meeting.

"I have talked with Gerretsen and he is very happy with the selection (of Behan as chief)," said Fox Lake Trustee Ed Bender.

"I'm definitely going to appoint Behan as chief," said Fox Lake Mayor Cindy Irwin.

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Cindy Irwin
Fox Lake Mayor

"The police chief has the right to appoint the deputy chief."

The retirement brings to three the number of retirees from the department this year. The list grew this week as Ron Nagel retired, effective Dec. 13. Deputy Chief Rich Beemer retired in October.

Bender said the transition should be a smooth one for the department of about 22 sworn officers.

Two more police officers could soon join the police force.

Last month, hundreds of colleagues, village officials, administrators and residents turned out to honor Gerretsen at the police facility, when it was named the Edward Gerretsen Jr. Police Facility in his honor.

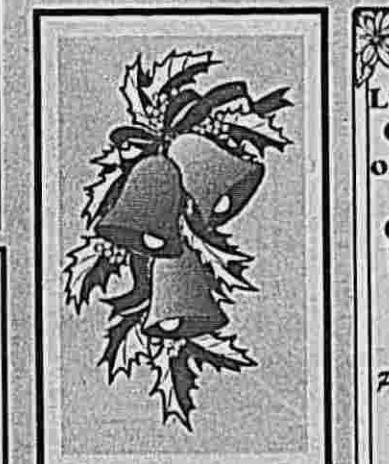
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Services will be held at 10 a.m.
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Ingleside, IL 60041
847-546-2109



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OBITUARIES

Memorial Service

Rachel Salomonson
Memorial scheduled for
Dec. 18, 2005

A memorial service celebrating the life of Rachel Salomonson will be held on Dec. 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church on the corner of Atkinson and Brae Loch Roads in Grayslake. Rachel lost her life on Nov. 15 in a car accident, north of Mankato, Minn., during Minnesota's first winter storm.

The service, officiated by Pastor John Holm from Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Grayslake, will commence at 2 p.m. A portion of the service will be designated for tributes from family and friends. Persons attending are invited to a light buffet immediately following the service.

A Web site has been set up for Rachel at www.rachelsalomonson.com. At this site you can e-mail your condolences and/or memories of Rachel. Please indicate if you would like these stories shared at the memorial service by a designated reader, or you may present them yourself during the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a memorial fund that will support scholarships for both Grayslake Central High School and the Minnesota State University in Mankato where Rachel was a student seeking a degree in Fine Arts. National City Bank has established a Rachel Salomonson Memorial Account.



Rachel Salomonson

Marie N. Thompson

Age 93, a former 45 year resident of Wildwood passed away Saturday Dec. 10, 2005 at Lake Forest Hospital at the age of 93. She was born in Barre, Wis. to the late George and Zora Reed. Marie had taught at Woodland School and was a volunteer for the Lake County Eyecare Center.

Marie is survived by her daughter Cherie (Ken) Grubb, her grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, a daughter-in-law Shirley Oleson; and her beloved pets Cheyenne and Sophie. She is preceded in death by her husband, Neil Thompson; her son, Florin Oleson, and her three brothers.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. at Millburn Congregational Church, 19073 Grass Lake Rd. Lake Villa. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Save-a-Pet, 31664 N. Fairfield Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030. All funeral arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake.

Harry O Thompson

Age 79, a resident of Round Lake for over 50 years passed away Sunday Dec. 11, 2005 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago to the late Harry and Berenice Thompson. He served in the Marine Corps during WWII as an aircraft mechanic.

Harry is survived by his wife of 61 years LaVerne whom he wed Dec. 30, 1944 in Norman, Okla.; his children, John (Elaine) Thompson of Columbia, MO, Jim (Alice) Thompson of Union City, Tenn., Jacki (Reid) Flade of Virginia Beach, VA, Joni (Larry) Eskridge of Wheaton, and Jodi (Earl) Cox of Burlington, Wis.; his grandchildren; a great-grandson; his sister; and numerous nieces, nephews, and step-nieces and step-nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his stepfather Harry B. Friend.

A funeral service was held Dec. 14, at 1 p.m., at the United Protestant Church in Grayslake. Interment was held immediately after the service at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. Friends of the family visited on Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Strang Funeral

Home of Antioch in Antioch. Interment was private. Visitation was from 1 p.m., until the time of services Dec. 10 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

Richard Lynn Finch

Age 78, of Riverview, Fla., formerly of Round Lake and Spring Grove, passed away on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005. He was born on Feb. 7, 1927 in Hawthorne, the son of Charles and Alma (Green) Finch.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Dianna (Jelinski); three sons, John (Pam) Finch of Vernon Hills, Jeff Finch of Illinois and Joseph (Tracy) Finch of Kenosha, Wis.; a stepson, Kirk Westphal of Fort Myers, Fla.; a daughter, Nancy Jane (John) Johnson of Springfield, VA; and two stepdaughters, Beth (Patrick) McClain of Riverview, Fla., and Lois (Matthew) Kompass of Osage Beach, MO; one brother, Robert (Doris) of Carmi; five grandchildren Jerry (Paula) Beasley, Kate Jansky, Kym (Andrew) Gebhart, Kevin (Tamara) Finch and Gabrielle Finch; three stepgrandsons, Patrick, Mark and David Kompass; and four great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. He is preceded in death by his son Richard Finch, Jr., a daughter Judy Finch, and a grandson Benjamin Jansky.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m., on Nov. 26, at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations were asked to be made to the American Cancer Society.

Richard B. Harrison

Age 76 of Antioch, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at Condell Medical Center, Libertyville. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late Thomas B. and Anne Marie (Smith) Harrison. Richard had served in the U.S. Army. Richard had worked in newspaper distribution, installation services, and most recently as a tow truck driver for Loon Lake Service, in Antioch. On March 29, 1952 he married Betty Lou Finkle in San Francisco, Calif., and she preceded him in death on April 25, 1999.

Survivors include; five sons Kenneth (Nancy) of Glenview, Michael of Wheeling, John of Antioch, David of McHenry, and Edmund of Antioch; six grandchildren; and a sister. In addition to his wife and parents he is preceded in death by a son Robert Harrison, three brothers, and a sister.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Strang Funeral

Home of Antioch in Antioch. Interment was private. Visitation was from 1 p.m., until the time of services Dec. 10 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

Florence I. Jankovich

Age 70 of Round Lake Heights, passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005 at Midwestern Regional Medical Center in Zion. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Hyman and Rose (Divorson) Rudman.

Survivors include five children, Howard Jankovich of McHenry, Marietta (Eugene) Bilski of Fox Lake, Steven Jankovich of Spring Grove, Jennifer (Jeremiah) Bowling of Round Lake Heights, and Barbara (Tim) Sanford of Ingleside, eight grandchildren; a sister; and dear friend Laszlo Jankovich of Ingleside.

Memorial visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 14, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment and services were private.

Theodore J. Para

Age 81 of Grayslake, passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores (nee Koepke) Para and three children, Cynthia (Christopher "Kit") Helliwell of Mundelein, Theodore A. Para of Chicago and Terrance Para of Loves Park; and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 13. An interment service for the family was held on Dec. 14 at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dolores Ann Para

Age 78 of Grayslake, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are three children, Cynthia (Christopher "Kit") Helliwell of Mundelein, Theodore A. Para of Chicago and Terrance Para of Loves Park; two grandchildren and a

brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Theodore J. Para on Dec. 9, 2005.

Funeral services for Dolores and her husband were held together at 7 p.m., Dec. 14 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 13. An interment service for the family was held on Dec. 14 at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Robert 'Bob' Burandt

Age 84, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2005 at Highland Park Hospital. He was a former salesman for the Lake-Cook Farm Supply Company.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Doris Burandt; four children, Wes (Kathy) Burandt of Rockford, Sharon Lichey of Cincinnati, Ohio, Karen Citro of Gurnee and Robert Burandt Jr. of Paris, Wis.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Elsie Burandt and by a brother.

Visitation was from 11:30 a.m. until the time of services at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. Memorial contributions can be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Jeanette H. Gillespie

Age 86 of Wauconda, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 at her home. She was born in Pana, to the late Ira and Viola Denton.

Surviving are her sons, Roger (Carol) Gillespie of Collinsville, Samuel (Carol) Gillespie of Crystal Lake, Larry (Carol) Gillespie of Cary, Paul Gillespie of Wauconda, and Steve (Margaret) Gillespie of Island Lake; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul R. Gillespie; and her parents.

Visitation was held Dec. 15 from 2 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 7 p.m. at the Windridge Funeral Home in Cary. Interment was at the Windridge Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Monarch Hospice.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2005*

(Section 10-17 of the School Code)*

SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	58.75
NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE CENTERS	4
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	2,304.76

NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES
FULL-TIME
PART-TIME

NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED PER GRADE **

PRE-KINDERGARTEN	
KINDERGARTEN	
FIRST	
SECOND	
THIRD	
FOURTH	
FIFTH	
SIXTH	
SEVENTH	
EIGHTH	
SPECIAL	
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	0
NINTH	671
TENTH	650
ELEVENTH	607
TWELFTH	569
SPECIAL	
TOTAL SECONDARY	2,497
TOTAL IN DISTRICT	2,497

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ASSETS	VALUE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
LAND	2,278,679
BUILDINGS	65,908,064
EQUIPMENT	25,075,088

NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES
FULL-TIME
PART-TIME

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %) ***

EDUCATIONAL
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
BOND & INTEREST
TRANSPORTATION
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT
SOCIAL SECURITY
WORKING CASH
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY
TORT IMMUNITY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
SPECIAL EDUCATION
LEASING
OTHER
OTHER

DISTRICT ASSESSED VALUATION	1,055,431,054
EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION PER ADA	457,935.34
PUPIL	
TOTAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JUNE 30, 2005	43,848,537

PERCENT OF BONDING POWER OBLIGATED CURRENTLY 4.15%

* When publishing this report in the newspaper, type requirements must be accordance with 715 ILCS 15/1.

** As reported on the Fall Housing Report.

DISTRICT NAME: Community High School District #117
DISTRICT ADDRESS: 1625 Deep Lake Road
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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
(List Each Employee in the Applicable Salary Range)

(See optional page 5 for additional space)

- Salary Range: Less than \$15,000
- Salary Range: \$15,000 - \$24,999
- Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
- Salary Range: 40,000 and over

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
(List Each Employee in the Applicable Salary Range)

(See optional page 5 for additional space)

- Salary Range: Less than \$15,000
- Salary Range: \$15,000 - \$24,999
- Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
- Salary Range: 40,000 and over

***Example: If the tax rate for educational purposes is \$1.84 per \$2100 of EAV, it is shown as \$1,8400, not as a percentage of the total tax rate.

pCertified: Less than \$15,000

Adkins, C	Anderson, B	Anderson, S	Barbian, K	Blasko, P
Bock, N	Borries, T	Bramble, M	Campanella, E	Church, S
Cobb, T	Dahl, K	Debock, D	Drevant, W	Edge, G
Engberg, L	Estabrook, R	Groth, J	Harris, R	Hartl, J
Harl, M	Hilnak, R	Hoelzer, G	Houtz, J	Howell, K
Howell, R	Logan, K	Lopez, J	Luetschwager, S	Maze, J
McKoski, J	Moxley, J	Murray, G	Noonan, T	Novack, P
O'Neill, W	Oltninger, D	Overton, T	Parisi, J	Pekkarinen, P
Ploss, D	Prouty, D	Regnier, M	Reynolds, G	Richardson, J
Richter, K	Rohde, J	Santeler, L	Sarrazine, A	Schenk, R
Schmelzer, R	Schmitt, S	Schumacher, K	Schwartz, D	Seaver, C
Shehorn, D	Shedorn, K	Sleckowski, T	Sigler, D	Sprague, L
Wade, E	Wagner, E	Williams, C	Zorba, J	

Non-Certified: Less than \$15,000

Bartosz, B	Belucci, J	Bessette, D	Bratton, D	Brown, N
Callanan, T	Campbell, A	Campbell, C	Clifter, L	Church, S
Cybul, K	Deran, B	Dexheimer, J	Dohrmann, E	Clutter, L
Garza, C	Gates, J	Grahm, G	Gwin, R	Dohrmann, E
Hallwas, J	Harland, P	Hanson, S	Haenchen, S	Edgar, G
Henning, S	Johnson, D	Johnson, R	Keown, S	Edge, G
Kofod, E	Kixhouse, D	Lackey, D	Lalino, S	Edge, G
Leffelman, B	Lindgren, K	Lulofs, M	Maatta, T	Hartl, J
Martin, J	McCandless, C	McDonald, H	Naes, R	Hartl, J
Oslage, D	Phelps, J	Richter, K	Nunez, R	Hartl, J
Schweitzer, B	Shepard, J	Shull, W	Rivora, N	Hartl, J
Sprague, L	Svoboda, J	Swanson, T	Soukup, T	Hartl, J
Unrein, D	Virgo, M	Walters, S	Tossey, B	Hartl, J
Worwick, K	Zemanek, M		Willum, C	Hartl, J

Certified: \$15,000-\$24,999

Bacorrot, D	Blasko, J	Bode, S	Bradley, R	Brown, N
Harris, A	Hart, R	Huyck, P	Kerner, C	Church, S
Lowrey, D	Mendelke, J	Naes, C	Padbury, B	Clifter, L
Scott, D	Shepard, J	Wright, L		Dohrmann, E

Certified: \$25,000-\$39,999

Abramson, J	Anderson, J	Blocke, K	Bowman, J	Campbell, C
Coleman, H	Corcoran, D	Cross, M	Fain, M	Foss, C
Granatelli, D	Haines, M	Kasuboski, K	Kelleher, K	Kosiec, J
Leprich, A	Oziblo, A	Parish, T	Peck, D	Rediger, A
Ribbons, M	Roberts, A	Santilomo, N	Srejma, L	Tolton, G

Non-Certified: \$25,000-\$39,999

Barbosh, D	Blasko, L	Bliss, M	Dewing, T	Fluger, P
Griffin, B	Hayes, R	Hecklinger, J	Hilden, J	Hill, D
Kent, L	Kocinski, N	Koziorowski, P	Lubeck, L	Moore, N
Semikia, L	Snow, T	Vershowske, B	Wiegol, K	

Certified: \$40,000 and Over

Gaa, D	Garrison, S	Goodrich, P	Gordy, M	Grisamore, J
Groch				

900 Legals

E OF PLATS, PAGE 59, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 3016 EMMAUS AVE., Zion, IL 60099. Property Index No. 04-28-211-021.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$110,122.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5393.

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900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.

Plaintiff,

-v-

JOHN G. SANCEN, THE CRANBERRY LAKE NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants

05 CH 896

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 27, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

UNIT NO. 6-5 IN CRANBERRY LAKE NORTH CONDOMINIUMS, AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: CERTAIN LOTS IN CRANBERRY LAKE SUBDIVISION PHASE 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS DOCUMENT NO. 4896920 AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL AND JOINER RECORDED AUGUST 26, 2002 AS DOCUMENT NO. 4993896, WHICH PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "B" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 2002 AS DOCUMENT NO. 5012055, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ALL IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 48 WEST BIG HORN DRIVE, Hainesville, IL 60073 Property Index No. 06-28-208-021

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$160,000.64.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF OPT-IN ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-A, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-A

Plaintiff,

-v-

ERICA HOMMES A/K/A ERICA ZALAR, et al Defendants

05 CH 1491

NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT 3 (EXCEPT THE WEST 70 FEET) IN BLOCK 46 IN FREDERICK H. BARTLETT'S SHERIDAN LAKE VIEW PROPERTIES SECOND ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 15 AND 16, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 19, 1927 AS DOCUMENT 294465, IN BOOK "R" OF PLATS, PAGES 16 AND 17, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1210 19TH STREET, Zion, IL 60099 Property Index No. 04-16-409-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$179,526.30.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.

Plaintiff,

-v-

WILLIAM B. SHEFFER, NORTH SHORE GAS CREDIT UNION, WINDSOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, THE CARRIAGE HOMES OF FOX RIDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants

05 CH 63

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 29, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SUB LOT 7 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF SUB LOT 6 OF THE COMMISSIONER'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 TO 5 INCLUSIVE, AND LOTS 23 AND 29 INCLUSIVE, OF BLOCK 22 IN WASHBURN PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 11, 1903, AS DOCUMENT 89533, IN BOOK "F" OF PLATS, PAGE 23, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 815 17TH STREET, North Chicago, IL 60064 Property Index No. 08-33-324-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$118,282.75.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-128.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-8400 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-128 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CTX MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS

Plaintiff,

-v-

KEVIN PIESKE AND LAW OFFICES OF JEFFERY M. LEVING, LTD. Defendants

05 CH 234

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 27, 2005, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Parcel 1: That part of Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 45 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 70 in First Addition to Indian Mound Subdivision, as shown on the Plat therof recorded in Book "I" of Plats, Page 19; thence West along the North Line of Lot 70 in said Subdivision, 115 feet; thence North parallel with the West line of Section 23, 70 feet, thence East parallel with the North line of Section 23, 115 feet; thence South 70 feet to the place of beginning, in Lake County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 45 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a point 70 feet North of the Northeast Corner of Lot 70 in First Addition to Indian Mound Subdivision, a Subdivision of part of said Quarter Section recorded August 24, 1928, as Document No. 323383, in Book "I" of Plats, Page 19; thence North along the West Line of Forest Avenue 90 feet more or less to the waters Edge of South Duck Lake Channel; thence Southerly and Westerly along the waters edge of said Channel to a point which is 115 feet West of the West Line of Forest Avenue thence South 75 feet more or less to a point 70 feet North of the Northwest Corner of said Lot 70 in First Addition to Indian Mound Subdivision; thence East 115 feet to the place of beginning, in Lake County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 05-23-100-013

Commonly known as 34922 North Forest Avenue, Ingleside, Illinois

will on the 24th day of January, 2006 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. inside the East Door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, Illinois, be offered for sale and sold by an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation.

The Judgment amount was \$197,695.73

The property is improved with a single family home.

Sales Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5042.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-8400 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-5042 ARDC# 00468002

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GSF MORTGAGE CORPORATION AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.

MARCO VISCAINO, et al Defendants

05 CH 884

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 4, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 11 IN BLOCK 3 IN DOUGLAS NURSERY ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN LAKE COUNTY ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 29, 1953 AS DOCUMENT 804005, IN BOOK 1203 OF RECORDS, PAGE 625, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 426 N. BERWICK BLVD., Waukegan, IL 60085

Property Index No. 08-20-110-028

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$192,456.11.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5670.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-5670 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-5670 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUITY ONE ABS, INC. MORTGAGE/PASS- THROUGH CERTIFIED SER- IES #2004-3 Plaintiff, -v.

JESUS E. ORTIZ, et al Defendants

05 CH 336

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 12, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 3 IN RE-SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1 AND 3 IN WAUKEGAN COUNTRY SIDE SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 50 ACRES (EXCEPT THE NORTH 234 FEET AND EX-CEPT THE SOUTH 361 FEET THEREOF) OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 9, 1923 AS DOCUMENT 225181 IN BOOK "L" OF PLATS, PAGE 87, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 37342 N. DELANY ROAD, Gurnee, IL 60031

Property Index No. 07-02-402-014

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$204,945.60.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-2047.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-5670 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-2047 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GN MORTGAGE, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.

MICHELLE A. SUMMERS, et al Defendants

05 CH 1508

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 23, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 3, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 290 IN FINAL PLAT OF ENGLISH MEADOWS UNIT 5 SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 9, 1992 AS DOCUMENT 3224139 IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 475 LEXINGTON LANE, Grayslake, IL 60030

Property Index No. 06-22-104-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$221,206.82.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-123.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-5670 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-A123 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRISM MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.

MARY E. CAMPBELL, et al Defendants

05 CH 993

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 31, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 24, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 156 IN FINAL PLAT OF ENGLISH MEADOWS UNIT 2A, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN PART OF THE NORTH-EAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 14, 1977 AS DOCUMENT 1843428, IN BOOK 60 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 475 LEXINGTON LANE, Grayslake, IL 60030

Property Index No. 06-22-104-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$221,206.82.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 548-6056.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-5670 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-6624 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRISM MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.

JOHN P. DUFFY, et al Defendants

05 CH 636

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 21, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 30, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 03 IN BLOCK 287 IN ROUND LAKE BEACH, SHOREWOOD GOLF COURSE ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED JULY 26, 1946, AS DOCUMENT 595902, IN BOOK 30 OF PLATS, PAGES 65 AND 66, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1405 NORTH EAST END ROAD, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Property Index No. 06-16-330-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$79,766.29.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 548-6056.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-5670 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-205-014 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

900 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.

KENNETH P. LASCO, BAXTER CREDIT UNION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants

05 CH 924

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on December 27, 2005, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 11:00 AM on January 3, 2006, at the front door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street (East Door INSIDE), WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PARCEL 1: SUB-LOT 77 IN THIRD RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 8 IN NEW CENTURY TOWN UNIT ONE, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF SECTIONS 32 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 10, 1976 AS DOCUMENT 1784011, IN BOOK 56 OF PLATS, PAGE 31, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF AFORESAID RIGHT OF ACCESS TO AND OF INGRESS AND EGRESS ON, OVER, ACROSS, IN AND UPON THE COMMON AREA, CREATED BY THE DECLARATION RECORDED NOVEMBER 29, 1975 AS DOCUMENT 1740897, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 973 PRINCETON COURT, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Property Index No. 11-32-413-081.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$80,516.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-5109.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 33 North Dearborn Street - Suite 1015 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3100 (312) 236-8400 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-05-5109 ARDC# 00468002

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIR-
CUT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS
NATIONAL CITY MORT-
GAGE CO., dba
Commonwealth United Mortgage Company,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ANASTACIA PEREZ,
Defendant
No. 05 CH 375

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, the following described real estate, to wit:

Lot 17 in Block 26 in Zion City Subdivision #7, being a Subdivision in Section 22, Township 46 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof, recorded August 12, 1902, as Document 87073 in Book "F" of Plats, Page 14, all in Lake County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 2308 Elizabeth Avenue, Zion, Illinois
Permanent Index Number: 04-22-114-017

will on the 3rd day of January, 2006 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. inside the East Door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, Illinois be offered for sale and sold by an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation. The Judgment amount was \$155,189.44

The property is improved with a single family home.

Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217)422-1719 ext 23.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
J T Electric

NATURE/PURPOSE:
Electrical Contracting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
305 Wilton Ln., Mundelein, IL,
60060, (847) 877-4757.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS
James Tisch, 305 Wilton Ln.,
Mundelein, IL, 60060,
(847) 837-9901.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ James Tisch
November 21, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 21st day of November 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Claudia C. Rodriguez
Notary Public

Received: Nov. 21, 2005
Willard R. Helander

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to con-

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Lake County Clerk
1202A-7561-MN
December 2, 9, 16, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Gogea Logistics

NATURE/PURPOSE:
Delivery of household goods

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1122 Wilshire Ln., Lake Villa
60046 (847)899-4557.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS
Ciprian Gogea, 1122 Wilshire
Ln., Lake Villa, IL, 60046,
(847)899-4557.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the un-

dersigned intend(s) to con-

duct the above named busi-

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/s/ Ciprian Gogea
November 2, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of December 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Yarimar Santos
Notary Public

Received: Dec. 5, 2005
Willard R. Helander

1209B-7570-LB

December 9, 16, 23, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NAME application

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Ray W. Gilliland, 1904 Hazel-
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/s/ Ciprian Gogea
November 22, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of November 2005.

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Received: Nov. 22, 2005
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1202A-7568-LV

December 2, 9, 16, 2005

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ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Verzel Consulting Services

NATURE/PURPOSE:
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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
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IL, 60031, (847)691-9920.

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/s/ Ray W. Gilliland
November 30, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of November 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Melissa Ann Boyer
Notary Public

Received: Nov. 30, 2005
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December 9, 16, 23, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
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/s/ William J. Verzel Jr.
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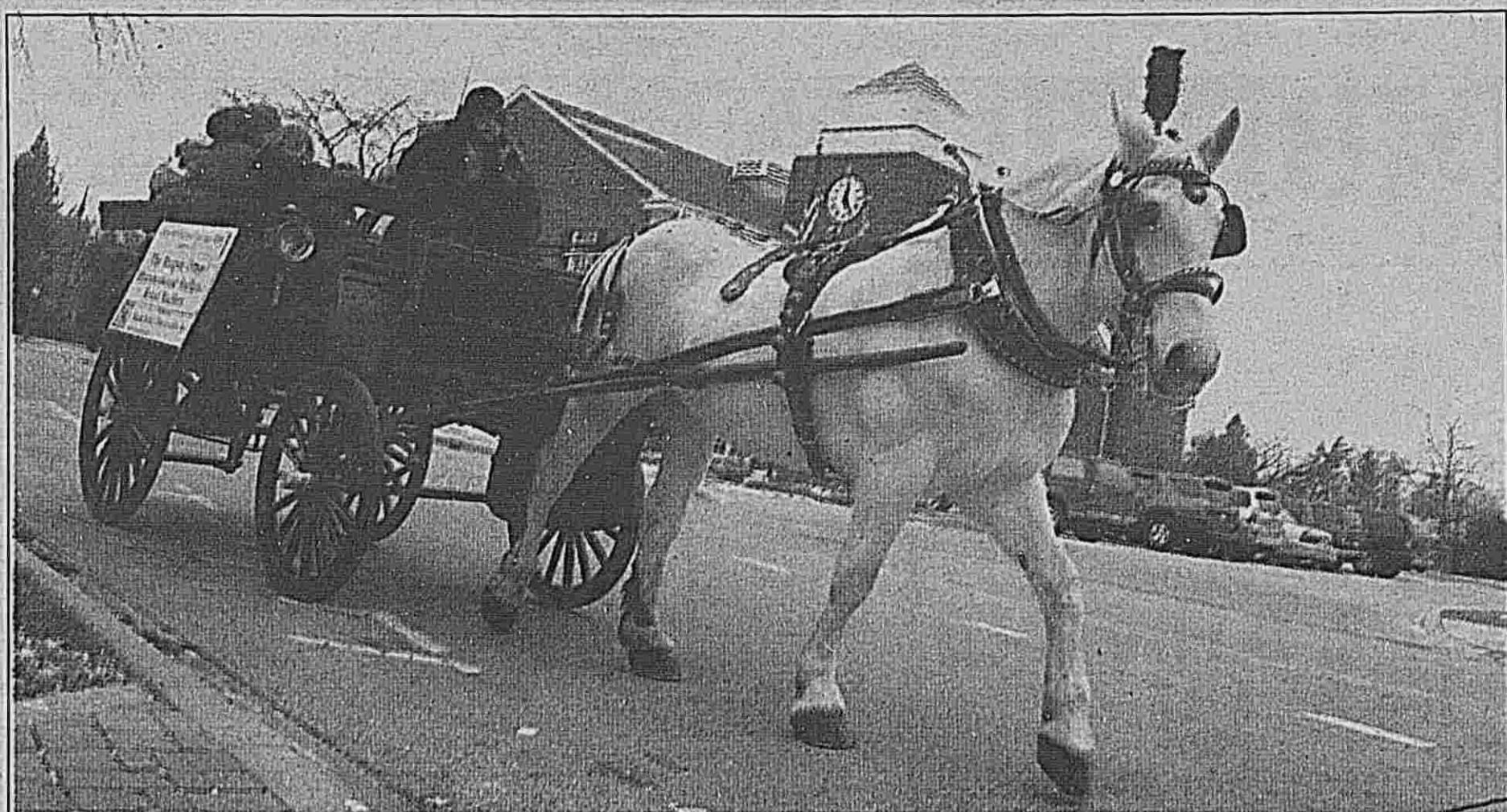
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Carriage rides are still a popular attraction for the village of Libertyville's annual Dickens of a Holiday. The event runs Saturdays through Christmas.

How to manage stress for a happier holiday

As the holidays near, hearts may be filled with joy but our heads and our calendars are filled with shopping lists, holiday parties, children's holiday activities, community activities and deadlines at the office.

These endless activities and commitments surrounding the holidays can usually lead to some added seasonal stress.

"Often, it is not only the stress, but also our coping methods that take a toll on our health and our waistlines," said Toby Smithson, a community dietitian with the Lake County Health Department and a spokesperson for the Illinois Dietetic Association.

Smithson urges people to make this holiday season different by keeping inappropriate coping methods in check so they don't sabotage their health.

tage health and weight management efforts.

"For some of us, activity is a way to cope with stress, for others it may be relaxation, but for many, it is not unusual to reach for a favorite food or beverage when feeling a bit overwhelmed," Smithson said.

Smithson said many people have hopes that snacking will make you feel a little less stressed or at least calm nerves a bit so we can better tackle our long list of holiday "to-dos."

And while for a moment that frosted sugar cookie was so tasty the stress seemed to subside, it creates only a short lived feeling that is not truly making the stress disappear or solving the long term problem.

Not only does the stress remain, but extra calories and fat do as well, often from our

favorite comfort foods. According to Smithson, when we are using foods or beverages to cope with stress, we often make choices that lack nutrients and are higher in fat and calories. In turn, this habit can contribute to weight gain and risk of chronic disease, which can also be sources for stress in our lives.

"If your method of managing the added holiday hassles last year involved sugar cookies and fudge washed down with a few glasses of eggnog, it may be time to rethink how you will be handling your stress," Smithson said.

"While it remains impossible to totally rid our lives of stress, especially during the holiday season, we can change hazardous coping methods that can take a major toll on our health."

Tips to have a happy holiday

Smithson suggests the following ways to cope with stress and refrain from overeating during the holidays and throughout the next year:

- Make a list of other activities that can fill your time instead of eating. Some ideas may include physical activity, journaling, taking a bath, listening to relaxing music, reading your favorite book, or even taking a nap. Keep this list with you and post it where you need it most such as on your refrigerator, on or near your computer or television or on your desk at work.

- Write down everything you eat each day. This will help you to see where your problem areas may be or what time of the day is your biggest challenge. For instance, is most of your eating done in front of the television or computer, or do you tend to eat many of your calories late in the afternoon or in the evening? Having this information will allow you to start making changes in your lifestyle.

- Make physical activity a regular part of your day to help decrease your stress levels. Also use physical activity as a way to replace eating when you are feeling stressed.

- Eat three regular meals, starting with a balanced breakfast, and include snacks to avoid being too hungry. Allowing yourself to become too hungry, can cause you to be tempted to reach for food when stress hits.

- Clean up your surroundings. Get rid of unhealthy foods in your desk drawers, on your countertops or in your car. Make sure you have healthier options to reach for when you need a snack.
- Be aware of your hunger and satiety cues. Eat when you are truly hungry and be able to realize when you are eating solely for

For further tips on healthy eating for the holidays, enlist the help of a registered dietitian, the nutrition expert, to help you evaluate your eating habits and adopt a healthy life style.

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